

Derby City Deanery NEWSLETTER

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

From the Deanery Administrator, Jo Simister:

Dear friends,

So many exciting events coming up! I think we are probably all really fed up with masks and elbow bumps, and longing to burst out of our cocoons and give our dear friends a big hug!



Or maybe we are slightly apprehensive because we are so out of practice at being with other people? And perhaps we have family and friends in parts of the world where the news is not so optimistic. And of course, some of our beloved family and friends may no longer be with us. So one way or another, I am sure we are approaching the coming freedom with mixed emotions.

Maybe you are concerned about the discussions about the future organisation of our parishes and deaneries within the diocesan structure? Elections to Diocesan Synod are coming up, and our deanery is allowed 14 clergy and 9 lay places, so if you are interested to represent Derby City do complete the nomination papers which have been distributed to all Deanery Synod electors. (You don't have to be on Deanery Synod to stand, but you do have to be proposed and seconded by Deanery Synod members).

Thy Kingdom Come will be starting immediately you receive this, see pp 4-5. This will culminate in a zoomed Beacon Event on Pentecost Sunday but we are all encouraged to prayer walk and litter pick throughout the ten days, and to drop into the 24/7 Prayer Room in the Cathedral.

Among a variety of other events, courses and resources included in this issue, I am drawing attention to Keeping the Faith on p15, and two shopping opportunities: a 'Going, Going, Gone' sale at Morley Convent, also p15, and the Saints of Derbyshire book, see the last page, p16, which is available at a discounted price of £10 if you order before the publication date in July. Bishop Libby, in her Foreword says: "as you read about the lives of the Derbyshire saints portrayed so vividly and realistically in this compilation, I pray that you will see beyond their lives to the Christ they loved and served. As you learn about them, may you also learn from them and encounter this Jesus, who was at work in them, in your own life and situations too."

With my love and prayers,

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.

NEXT DEADLINE: 5pm on Fri 26 June: material to jo.simister@derby.anglican.org please.

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DIOCESAN SYNOD ELECTIONS 2021

From Jo Simister, Deanery Administrator jo.simister@derby.anglican.org and Peter Vincent, Deanery Secretary peter@petervincent.me.uk.

The term of office of the current Diocesan Synod ends on 31 July 2021. Therefore, the Diocese of Derby must elect a new Diocesan Synod from its clergy and church members. **Our Deanery may elect 14 members to the House of Clergy and 9 to the House of Laity. Laity do not have to be Deanery Synod members to stand for Diocesan Synod.**

The **electors** are members (other than currently co-opted members) of the House of Clergy and the House of Laity of the Deanery Synods of the Diocese, as registered by 6am on the date of Notification of the Election (7 May 2021).*

The list of electors will be available for inspection at Derby Church House between 7 May 2021 and 4 June 2021. Due to current covid restrictions please contact Sian Kellogg to arrange access if required (sian.kellogg@derby.anglican.org). Any corrections may be made up until 4 June but not thereafter.

The Presiding Officer for our House of Clergy will be Lay Chair Mrs Madelaine Goddard, and the Presiding Officer for our House of Laity will be Acting Area Dean Revd Dr Simon Cartwright.

All electors should have received a Notification of Election and the relevant Nomination Form – please notify us immediately if you are a member of Deanery Synod but have not received your documents by email or, where we have no valid email, by post.

Nomination papers may be emailed to the Presiding Officers. If you need to post them, please contact your Presiding Officer for the address to send them to. **Nomination papers must be received by 4 June 2021. They may be scanned and submitted by email.**

If we receive more nominations than we have places for, we shall issue voting papers on 16 June 2021 and the voting will close on 5 July 2021. Notification of the results will be included in the July Deanery Newsletter.

The newly elected representatives to Diocesan Synod will take office on 1 August 2021, and the first meeting of the new Diocesan Synod will be Saturday 9 October 2021.

* We are all very grateful to those who agree to serve on Deanery Synod, but recognise that during the three-year term circumstances may change. If a serving representative needs to resign from the Deanery Synod, they should do so in writing (which includes email) to Deanery Secretary Peter Vincent (peter@petervincent.me.uk) with a copy to jo.simister@derby.anglican.org and enquiries@derby.anglican.org.

PARISH FINANCE RETURNS

All Treasurers should have received an email with details for completing the 2020 Return of Parish Finance form. Just a reminder that the data needs to be returned on-line to the Parish Returns portal. If you need log-in details, please contact Jo at jo.simister@derby.anglican.org

The deadline for submitting the 2020 return is the 18 June 2021.

ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETINGS AND MEETINGS OF PARISHIONERS

The APCM and the Annual Meeting of Parishioners where churchwardens are appointed can take place up to the end of June this year (within whatever covid restrictions are appropriate at the time), with the swearing in of churchwardens taking place by the end of September – Derby City Deanery's Archdeacon's Visitation where this will take place will be on 14th July.

Please ensure all results from your APCMs and the documentation for your church warden(s) is sent to the Diocese as soon as possible after the meetings. **The Diocesan Registrar needs the churchwarden(s) details by 9th July at the latest.**

EXTENSION OF CHARITY STATUS

Please note that the excepted status of smaller PCCs, which was due to expire in March 2021, has now been extended to March 2031.

PCCs with an annual income under £100k are currently excepted from the requirement to register with the Charity Commission and to submit annual reports to them. The exception was due to expire on 31 March 2021. The Legal Office and the Finance Team of the NCIs have been negotiating with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport with a view to obtaining an extension of the exception for smaller PCCs. A successful outcome to the negotiations has resulted in the Government laying a statutory instrument before Parliament extending the exception for a further 10 years, to 31 March 2031. This information is being communicated to dioceses and PCCs. The continuation of the exception means that significant additional administrative work will not now need to be undertaken by PCCs with incomes under £100k.

COMMON FUND

On behalf of the Diocese, Martyn Marples (Head of Finance / Acting Diocesan Secretary) asks to please pass on his thanks to all Parishes for the Common Fund receipts for 2020 in what we all know has been a very difficult and challenging year.

The Finance Office are currently finalising our 2020 Annual Accounts and will be preparing Porch Cards to be sent out soon. They are also grateful for the pledges they have already received for 2021, which are vital to maintain the Mission of the Diocese.

Common Fund requests and Standing Order forms for 2021 can be found on the diocese website at <https://derby.anglican.org/en/church-admin/common-fund/common-fund-resources/common-fund-2021.html>

DIOCESAN VISION RESOURCES

A document outlining the Diocesan Vision and a blank form for feedback have been uploaded to the Vision pages on the Diocesan website, and further resources will be added as they become available. Please keep an eye open for them at <https://derby.anglican.org/en/resources/vision-resources.html>

Our Vision is 'the Kingdom of God: good news for all'

DERBY CITY DEANERY: ROOTED IN PRAYER

THY KINGDOM COME



This year's Thy Kingdom Come will happen from 13th - 23rd May.

IN DERBY:

- **Prayer Walk and Litter Pick:** we are looking to prayer walk every street and area of Derby before 23rd May. We have created an app which you can download here: <https://derby.prayerwalk.app/prayer-route>. Download a video <https://vimeo.com/jubileederby/download/537185259/3469e18189>. For more information or any questions about how you and your church can get involved please contact Anna Mann - anna.mann@stwderby.org.
- **Beacon Event:** On May 23rd celebrate Pentecost as the churches in Derby gather online for the annual Thy Kingdom Come celebration - you can join by going to youtube and searching for Derby City Vision.
- **24/7 Prayer Room:** There will be prayer stations around the Cathedral, appropriately spaced and stewarded.

THE SONG FOR 2021: 'We Seek Your Kingdom'



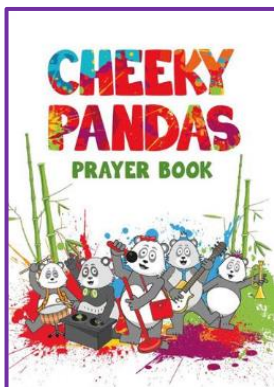
Use 'We Seek Your Kingdom' in your church. Download video (with lyrics), chord sheets, backing track, and more – <https://bitly.com/wsyk-worship>

REPRISE THE SONG FROM 2020:

'Thy Kingdom Come'

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/thy-kingdom-come-hymn-2020>





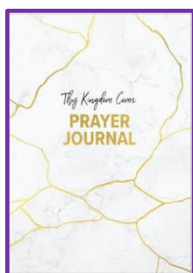
CHEEKY PANDAS: Bring the Cheeky Pandas to life, helping children to pray and put into action the lessons they have learned in the Cheeky Pandas video series, through 11 brand new games and reflections.

You can use a smartphone to activate digital immersive content that responds to the user's movements. The app has also been updated with a non-AR experience for non compatible phones and for use without a physical prayer map. See

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/cheekypandas>



PRAY FOR FIVE: video from The Rt Revd Dr John Sentamu https://youtu.be/SQSh5NPx_Kk



OTHER RESOURCES: There's still just time to order your printed resources for this year's Thy Kingdom Come including the Novena - Praying the Psalms from Ascension to Pentecost and the Prayer Journal – written by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell.

Both resources are available in large print (online and in print), and the Prayer Journal is available in Braille, contact the Torch Trust for copies. They will also be available as audio reflections

which will be shared in the coming days.

BE READY FOR PENTECOST: There are a range of Pentecost posters, banners and resources that you might like to use this year. Go to <https://www.cpo.org.uk/pentecost-resources> and click on each design to see the products available.

WHY NOT FOLLOW THY KINGDOM COME WITH THE BIG CHURCH READ?

The next National Big Church Read will start on the 24th of May, just as TKC finishes, and the book will be How to Pray with Pete Greig.

There are many benefits to reading a book together with others. Steve at St Andrews Bookshop says 'If we can get more people joining in, we can have an impact on more people and churches. We would love to work with you to get people and churches in your Diocese joining in The Big Church Read.'

Contact Steve at steve@standrewsbookshop.co.uk. The website is www.standrewsbookshop.co.uk.



Take a look at some of the feedback and encouraging stats: <https://thebigchurchread.co.uk/what-are-people-saying-about-the-big-church-read/>

DERBY CITY DEANERY: SERVING DERBY

REFUGEE WEEK 2021: PROVISIONAL IDEAS

Refugee week is planned for 14-20 June 2021. It's very difficult to plan with any confidence, but these are venues and events that are currently being considered:

- Derby Museum events
- Sanctuary Sunday at Derby Cathedral (see below)
- Derby City Life Links workshops covering wellbeing, worry and anxiety etc
- Library events will be arranged if covid restrictions allow
- Ava Hunt Theatre's creative project "Destinies"
- Come and meet the WEA
- International afternoon tea with art display at Derby Refugee Advice Centre
- Sponsored run, in aid of Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity (provisional)
- Derby County Community Trust will deliver an event similar to past years
- Derby Bosnia and Herzegovina Centre presentations
- Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity open day
- Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity Drum and Dance Night by DJ SuKi on Saturday 7.30 – 10pm
- Singing Workshop at The Maypole hosted by EMBA (East Midlands Black Arts Association)
- Refugee Week Cycle Ride (provisional)
- Volunteering clinic at the Padley Hub, 27 East Street DE1 2AL on Monday 14 June at 10am-2pm
- Gulwali Passarlay talk to the Lexis students at the Roundhouse on 25 May
- Maison Foo - Meet Your Neighbour Installation Launch Event

Please email any enquiries to gfreeman@redcross.org.uk and keep an eye on the Derby City of Sanctuary website nearer the date - www.derby.cityofsanctuary.org .

SANCTUARY SUNDAY AT DERBY CATHEDRAL ON JUNE 20: – Covid regulations permitting

Sanctuary Sunday on 20th June will be marked at the Cathedral Eucharist at 10.45am with special prayers and an address by the Bishop of Derby, The Rt Revd Libby Lane. The service will also be live streamed . The details of this, the order of service and how to register to go to the service will be posted on the "Worship on line" page of the Cathedral website. After the service, Covid regulations permitting, the Dean will be joined by Bishop Libby and friends seeking sanctuary for some light refreshments before visiting other church communities supporting those seeking sanctuary in the city.

STAND UP FOR SANCTUARY CAMPAIGN and MORE INFORMATION

<https://cityofsanctuary.org/2021/04/01/together-we-will-stand-up-for-sanctuary/>

City of Sanctuary UK holds the vision that the UK will be a welcoming place of safety for all and proud to offer sanctuary to people fleeing violence and persecution. In order to realise this vision, City of Sanctuary UK supports a [network of groups](#), which includes villages, towns, cities and regions across the UK, and others engaged in [Streams of Sanctuary](#), [Sanctuary Awards](#) and [activities](#) intended to welcome people seeking sanctuary. The principles and values in our [Charter](#) drive the organisation, network and movement.

FIRE SAFETY FOR CHURCHES Tuesday July 6th at 11am (via Zoom)

- How to reduce the risk of fire at your church
- What to do if the worst should happen
- How we can help

This online event will consist of a presentation, an opportunity for small group discussion and then finish with a Q & A panel with representatives from Ecclesiastical Insurance, the Diocesan Property Department and the DAC.

Although this event is designed specifically for the Diocese of Derby, it is open to all. The Zoom link will be sent to attendees on Friday 2nd July.

Booking is via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fire-safety-for-churches-tickets-153806584635>

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER:



Alan and Jon (alksmen@stalkmunds.org.uk) are starting up Shoulder to Shoulder again and invite you to join them in making a real difference to lives in Derby - generously helping people in very practical ways. This month we are clearing and gardening at a number of jobs across Derby.

Meet at 9am, St Alkmunds church car park, Kedleston Road, to allocate jobs. They provide lunch for you, so just bring your enthusiastic self and any tools and equipment you think might help. Let them know you are coming (so they can get you lunch) at alksmen@stalkmunds.org.uk.

The upcoming dates are: 12 June, 10 July, 7 August, 11 September and 9 October.

SELFCARE THROUGH PRAYER GROUP:



The next dates will be:

- Friday 18th June
- Friday 16th July

Please contact Andy Ward
rector.walbrook@gmail.com for more information.

[see National Association of Therapeutic Parents for more info:

<https://www.natp.com/who-we-are>]

DERBY CITY DEANERY: SHARING THE GOSPEL

Two items from Children's Adviser Sarah Brown's latest newsletter – **sign up for the regular briefings by asking Sarah to put you on her mailing list: contact sarah.brown@derby.anglican.org.**

INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP

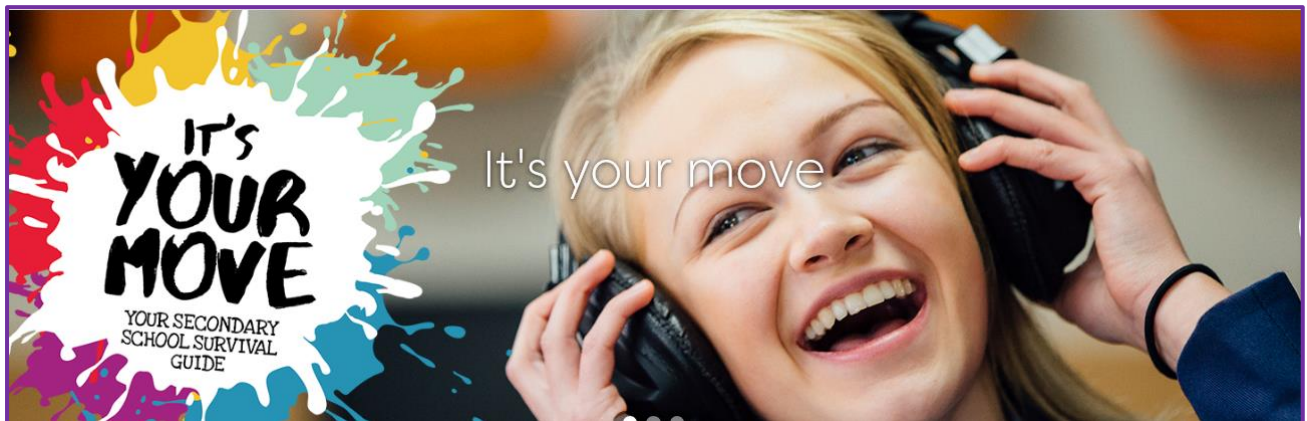
Does your church currently offer intergenerational worship? Not an "All Age" service which might specifically have songs and activities for children, but a service which week by week enables all ages to be together in church. Perhaps your leadership team is wondering about how to help all ages worship together in a way that enables everyone to be involved and not to be embarrassed or bored.



As we start to meet up again, some churches will find that households/families with children might only attend occasionally and the issue of how children can take part in our services will be at the forefront of many minds.

We are planning to start creating a bank of ideas and resources which can be used for Intergenerational worship. It would be very useful to hear about any model your church has used which works (it would also be useful to hear about anything that hasn't worked, and why you think that might be!)

Please send any thoughts and ideas to me, at sarah.brown@derby.anglican.org. Many thanks.



SCRIPTURE UNION "IT'S YOUR MOVE"

The "It's Your Move" books have been distributed for around 20 years now to Y6 children who are about to move up to Secondary school. The books have been updated recently and are full of helpful advice and information, which is perhaps even more important for children whose primary school life has been so disrupted by COVID. If you buy before the end of May you can use the code IYMSV at the checkout to get your discount.

A new Workshop Video will be released in June which can be used by schools if members of the church are not able to visit. See SU website for details (<https://content.scriptureunion.org.uk/its-your-move>). On this site you can also find details of a booklet aimed at pre-school children who are about to start school. It is called, "It's my next step" and has activities for the child and a carer/parent to do together.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DEANERY

CAN HOOKERS AND CLICKERS HELP YOUR COMMUNITY?

Glenda Youde (gyoude@gmail.com) writes:

I belong to an online crochet and knitting group and we have regularly made items for the Derby clothing bank Togs.

Hookers & Clickers (do it for charity) was set up in September 2017 in West Yorkshire, aiming to connect like-minded people in an attempt to make the world just a little bit better. We do this by knitting and crocheting for various charities, which change regularly.

We run short term, specific need projects across the UK and overseas for a variety of charities and are always open to suggestions for our next challenge.

So far we have supported KipBag, a charity for the homeless by making hats, scarves and mitts, SANDS (the stillbirth & neonatal death charity) with a year's supply of special blankets, Leeds Baby Bank in West Yorkshire with newborn hats, NPAC (National Police Aid Charity) with blankets and jumpers, and many others. You can find out more about the group from our website One Stitch at a Time (hookersandclickers.org).

Our Allestree-based group makes for all sorts of different places such as hospitals, care homes and hospices as well as clothing banks and homeless charities, so if you know of anywhere that would welcome a donation of woolly warmth please let me know. Or if you would like to join us or nominate a charity or project for our support please contact me, the Derby representative, Glenda Youde. Thanks!

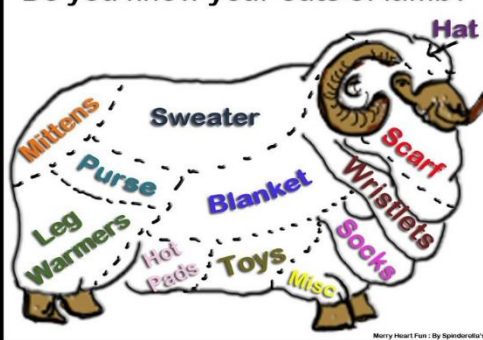


**HOOKERS
& CLICKERS**
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Do you know your cuts of lamb?



LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

COMBINING CREATIVITY, FAITH, AND PRAYER

A creative prayer idea from Karen Herrick. Karen is a textile artist who explores faith through creativity. She is also a freelance creative facilitator working across the East Midlands in the areas of arts and wellbeing, primary education, adult & family learning. Karen is an experienced teacher and has worked as a children's & community worker in the Church of England, involved in Fresh Expressions of Church. See her blog at www.harlequinarts.co.uk/blog/sanctuary-in-stitch. You can read the whole of this article at [learning-in-faith/creative wellbeing and ideas \[https://derby.anglican.org/en/training/learning-in-faith/download/3793_301ed45cd2f793f9d2872752d6e64ffd.html\]](https://derby.anglican.org/en/training/learning-in-faith/download/3793_301ed45cd2f793f9d2872752d6e64ffd.html)

CREATIVE PRAYER WITH EVERYDAY FAMILIAR THINGS:

Use any familiar thing, whether it be a household item such as a shoe, spoon, armchair, window or something you can see outside - a tree, street lamp, grass, bird to inspire you to prayer. Consider ONE item for a few minutes. Think of its function, its colour, how it feels, who uses it, who made it, where and how it was made.... *[Maybe it will help to sketch it while you let your mind work]*. Now let these thoughts lead you to prayer, allowing God to take your thoughts wherever He leads. For instance: A Shoe: "Thank you, Lord for the craftspeople who made my shoes, so that I can walk comfortably and safely wherever I choose. I pray for those who made this shoe, who perhaps were not paid a fair wage, nor afforded the protection in the workplace that we might expect in this country. Help me to walk in the ways of righteousness, following the way that you lead me, Lord. May my steps be trusting in the way that you lead me..."

There are lots more ideas in the article – suitable for individuals and for groups.

DIGITAL RESOURCES FOR PARISHES

There are some useful digital resources for parishes to help engage more online, navigate the legalities and receive online donations at

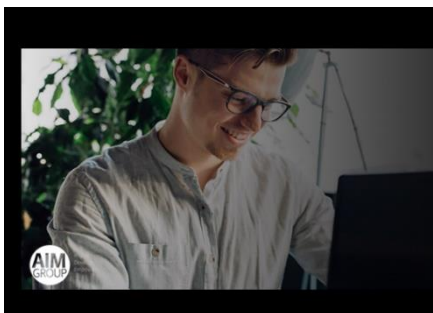
<https://derby.anglican.org/en/digital-resources-for-parishes.html>

For further help or information, please contact the communications team:

communications@derby.anglican.org or 01332 388680.



FREE COURSES FOR PARENTS, CARERS ETC [from the AIM Group]



This information from Stacey Taylor-Hinds at The AIM Group stacey.taylorhinds@theaimgroup.co.uk has been sent to the Deanery and may be of interest.

Due to Government Funding in the **Adult Education Budget**, we have over 40 **Free online Level 2 Accredited Courses** available to learners to better understand their children around things like **Autism, Children's mental health, Dyslexia, Challenging Behaviour, and ADHD, plus many more - without cost!!**

- [NCFE Cache Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Autism](#)
- [NCFE Cache Level 2 Certificate in Understanding Children and Young People's Mental Health](#)
- [NCFE Cache Level 2 Certificate in Specific Learning Difficulties \(characteristics of ADHD, ADD, dyslexia and dyscalculia\)](#)
- [NCFE Cache Level 2 Certificate in Behaviour That Challenges](#)
- [NCFE Cache Level 2 Certificate in Bullying in Children and Young People](#)

There are about 40 different choices of course all accessible without cost too. Here is a **full listing** of all the courses we have available - <https://theaimgroup.co.uk/courses/level-2>-
(Plus, once you complete one you can go ahead and access another one .. again, without cost)

COURSE STRUCTURE

- Courses are six weeks long and must be completed (part of the funding requirements)
- Average workload is usually anywhere between 25-30 hours (subject to the learners working speed)
- You will need access to a computer, laptop, or tablet, (mobile phones may not support this)
- Once all questions are completed, your assigned tutor will mark your work to ensure you pass and understand.
- Upon completion you are awarded an "Official Level 2 Vocational Recognised Qualification" (this is the equivalent of a Grade 5 GCSE)
- No course timetable - this is done in personal time that fits into your weekly routine

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA to be fully funded by the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) AEB (Adult Education Budget)

- Are you over 19 (since 31st August 2020)
- Have you lived in the UK/EU for the past three years **Wales/Scotland are not funded**
- Make sure you are not currently doing another government funded courses

Our only condition of the courses being free to the individual is, you cannot withdraw once enrolled without a valid reason (this would cost the college money) and could mean **a fine of £150 could be liable to you** (But we rarely have anyone go forward without knowing they will complete)

How do interested staff and parents sign up?

The link below introduces The AIM Group as a company and explains the learning platform:

THE AIM GROUP:

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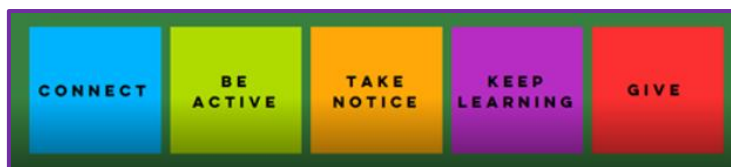
Just fill in your name, email, and phone number - and you will then receive an email titled '**complete your registration**' (just a heads up it can get lost in the junk folder).

This will direct you to The AIM Group website, complete the "**Online Induction Registration Form**" and make sure you click '**Continue to Enrolment**' at the end, and then **Stacey Taylor-Hinds** will be in touch to book in their 30-minute induction to the course. After uploading ID and completing an enrolment phone, there is a 5 working day wait until login details are received by the college. Once received, the course is ready to begin.

*If you have any questions, call **Stacey Taylor-Hinds** on 0203 900 3091 extension 226 or drop her an email at stacey.taylorhinds@theaimgroup.co.uk- **Stacey will be your main point of contact.***

BREATHING SPACE

LINDA BURGESS MACKAY RIP:



We are very sad to relay the information

that Deanery Synod member Linda Burgess (aka Mackay) became seriously ill with Covid19 in mid April, and that she died on Monday 3 May. We send our heartfelt sympathy to her family and friends, and to the members of her congregation and groups in which she was active. May she rest in peace.

As we reported in the last newsletter, Linda was about to embark on some information-gathering from all congregations. We shall now pause this review process while everything settles down into a 'new reality' as church groups come out of lockdown, and see how everyone is doing after the summer. Meanwhile, if you need information about Breathing Space please email Jo Simister jo.simister@derby.anglican.org or breathingspace@gmail.com.

HAVE YOU COME ACROSS RENEW WELLBEING?

This is from their website. <https://www.renewwellbeing.org.uk/>

“Renew Wellbeing helps churches open spaces of welcome and inclusion in partnership with mental health teams to improve mental and emotional wellbeing. Renew spaces are simple cafe style spaces run by local churches where hobbies and activities are shared or co-produced...”

This is part of a message from Sarah Fegredo (Renew Children, Youth and Families Co-ordinator):

“The Renew CYF project has come to the top of a lot of lists as we begin to think that an end might be in sight, but also how we begin to help our young people make sense of all that has happened in the last year.

“At the moment I am developing some Renew resources that will guide churches in how to set up a Renew space aimed at young people or children. This could be in a church or at a local school or in another space such as a café or community space. We’ll be building on the 3 Ps of Renew Wellbeing and working out what that looks like for under 18s:

- Being Present to young people,
- Being Prayerful with young people and
- Being in Partnership for young people

“The resources will give churches lots of ideas to help young people and children to explore the five ways to wellbeing so they can begin to grow their own habits of wellbeing.

“At a Renew Gathering on June 5th we’ll be launching the resources – so then churches can take the next practical steps towards opening a space. Churches can try getting a rhythm of prayer going and begin to invite others to join in. Some young people might even join in and help co-produce your space. Then hopefully we will be able to open face to face spaces in September and begin to build partnerships with other agencies, inviting young people and children in to “safe spaces where it’s OK not to be OK.”

“If you would like to talk more, please get in touch with me - I have had some great conversations with people wanting to talk about working with under5s, in schools, primary age. Let’s get talking, thinking and praying so we can get some Renew spaces going. “

Please contact Sarah direct on sarah@renewwellbeing.org.uk for more details.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL REFRESHMENT:

From Nicky Fenton nicky.fenton@bishopofderby.org

For those of you interested in different events planned for the coming months I have an external event you might enjoy, see below; for which there is a fee.

And a free internal event: Liz Hoare is leading a free zoom event based on her book Using the Bible in Spiritual Accompaniment from 9:30-12:30 on 15th June. Book in by emailing me, nicky.fenton@bishopofderby.org

'Lighting up eternity in the midst of life'

A creative quiet morning inspired by the life and paintings of Vincent Van Gogh

to be held on Friday 11th June or Friday 18th June or Friday 25th June



You are warmly invited to join us for an online Creative Quiet Morning on one of the above dates. The mornings will be facilitated by Gillian Lever and Becky Morse-Brown, an artist and art therapist, whose faith and spiritual journeying have been nourished and shaped by art making and imagery over a number of years.

The title "Lighting up eternity in the midst of life" comes from the Catholic theologian Henri Nouwen as he described the impact of Van Gogh's life and work. Prior to becoming a painter, Van Gogh worked as an art dealer and missionary, spending some significant years living and ministering amongst an impoverished rural mining community before moving to the south of France where he painted some of his better-known works. Drawing on many of Nouwen's insights, we will be reflecting together on Van Gogh's spirituality, especially the qualities of authenticity and compassion which so deeply characterised his life as he searched for his true vocation. The morning will include a visual presentation, opportunities to work creatively in silence and, for those who wish, time to share reflections with one another.

The cost of the morning will be £45. This includes the provision of art materials and other resources which will be posted to participants beforehand. We ask that this is paid at the point of registration and, if possible, by bank transfer. Participants will need access to Zoom on a computer and be able to make use of a private, undisturbed space for the duration of the workshop. Please be particularly aware of this if you share your home with others during daytime hours. The privacy of the sessions is crucial to maintain quietness and confidentiality, both of which are central to this way of being together during the morning.

If you would like to book a place on one of the above dates, please email Gillian Lever: glever@btinternet.com

NOTICEBOARD

EFFECTIVE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: HOW TO INFLUENCE PUBLIC POLICY AND/OR DECISIONS



wea.org.uk

**When: THURSDAY
19:15 – 21:15
13th May 2021
7 sessions.**

**Course fee: £44.80
Course fee: FREE if in receipt of
certain benefits**

To enrol please quote the
course reference **C2345126**
either online at wea.org.uk or
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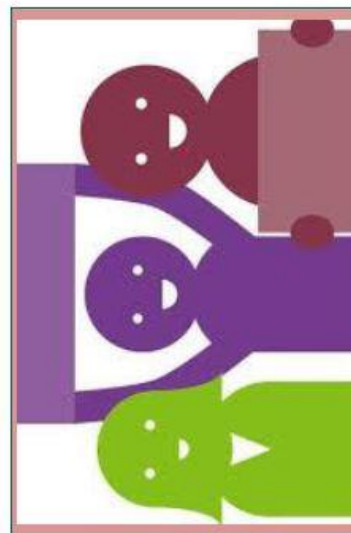
EFFECTIVE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: HOW TO INFLUENCE PUBLIC POLICY AND/OR DECISIONS WITH MARK GRAYLING

This course will examine how to
influence decisions, changing public
policy and winning campaigns. It is a
practical course which will include
opportunities to rehearse some of the
skills and techniques needed to run a
successful campaign.

Do you want to save your local pub,
oppose a planning application or get
your MP to take up an important issue?

This is a short course showing what
works and what does not work when it
comes to influencing decisions,
changing public policy and winning
campaigns.

Sessions will be led by Mark Grayling
who is a former Head of Policy at the
National Union of Students. In recent
years he has worked for two local
Members of Parliament and is currently
involved in supporting local campaigns
promoting international aid and
development. Mark has been involved in
campaign work for over thirty years at
local, national and international levels
and offers insight based on that
experience.



PHILOSOPHICAL PERSPECTIVES ON RELIGION



wea.org.uk

**When: THURSDAY
16:45 – 18:45
3rd June 2021
6 sessions.**

**Course fee: £38.40
Course fee: FREE if in receipt of
certain benefits**

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PHILOSOPHICAL PERSPECTIVES ON RELIGION With Bettina Lange

It has been argued that religion is irrational
and that philosophy and religion are
incompatible. This course is an opportunity
to examine these claims by considering a
range of different philosophical
perspectives on religion.

This course is an opportunity to explore
different philosophical perspectives on
religion. We will cover:

1. Truth, knowledge and religion (to
include philosophical definitions of truth
and knowledge and opportunities to
explore what counts as justification).

2. Reason and religion:

- it is possible to prove the existence
of God using logic (traditional
proofs of God).
- reason and religious beliefs are
incompatible and only empirical
evidence counts as knowledge,
religious belief should therefore be
rejected as irrational.

- the traditional proofs of the
existence of God lead to
irresolvable impasses, which makes
faith neither rational nor irrational;
rather a clear distinction should be
drawn between the limits of reason
and the realm of faith (the Kantian
position).

3. Beyond evidence: the "will to believe" -
to cover William James's pragmatist
approach to faith and religious experience.



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Derby DE21 4TB**

**If Lockdown easing continues as
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THERE WILL BE A**



'GOING, GOING, GONE,' OUTDOOR SALE

On Saturday 22nd May 2021, 2-4pm

On offer –

- Furniture (tables, chairs, garden furniture etc.)
- Gardening equipment
- Bric-a-Brac
- Plants

There will be no charge for anything but any donations would be welcomed.

The sisters ask that visitors continue to maintain social distancing and wear a mask at all times.

Keeping the Faith

**Reflecting on Faith Contributions
during the COVID Emergency**

Online Zoom Conference

Wednesday 19th May 2021

17.30 - 20.30 hr

Book now:

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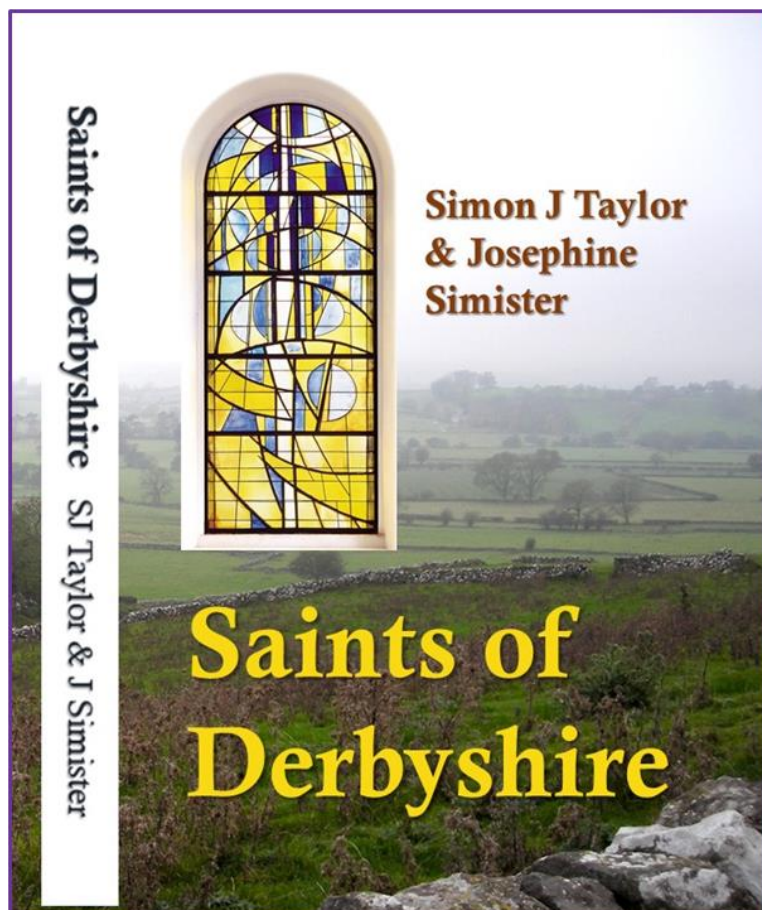
<https://bit.ly/Keeping-the-Faiths> Or Scan the QR code:



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HOW TO GET YOUR PRE-PUBLICATION DISCOUNT!

At last! The perfect book to take on picnics around Derbyshire, just in time for the release from lockdown – but don't worry, many of the recommended locations are well off the beaten track, you won't be part of a Great Stampede into the wilds.

We expect the book to be available in July and to be priced around £12 plus postage and packing.

But you can get yours for £10 by letting Jo jo.simister@derby.anglican.org know the number of copies you would like to reserve at this price (maybe a batch order for your parish? Or an advance order well in time for Christmas!?)

EXHIBITIONS OF SOME OF THE ARTWORK:

As well as about forty line drawings, the book contains 20 lino prints to accompany the prayers for each chapter. An exhibition about the development of these designs is being planned for the Cathedral to coincide with publication, and then to be available to other deaneries and parishes around the diocese.

One design, 'Florence Nightingale: Head. Hands and Heart' is currently on Level 4 of the London Road Hospital as part of Air Arts 'UNITY' exhibition, but only hospital staff and patients can see it 'in the real'. Air Arts is the arts charity for University Hospitals of Derby and Burton, promoting health and wellbeing through the arts and arts participation. The exhibition is expected to be in a virtual format soon, at <https://www.airarts.uk/projects/virtual-exhibition/>. The items posted on social media so far are amazingly varied.