

# Derby City Deanery NEWSLETTER

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

## From the Acting Area Dean, Revd Dr Simon Cartwright:

Dear friends,

We are living in troubled times, as I write this letter, we have witnessed the rapid collapse of the Afghan government and the rise of the Taliban. This has led to our government agreeing to resettle 20,000 people in the UK and part of this newsletter outlines the response of the churches here in Derby.



It has been amazing to see God's compassion in action as people have donated clothes, toys and time to help people as they arrived in Derby. We have seen how the churches have come together across our different traditions and parish boundaries to help welcome the stranger.

We saw a similar compassion towards our neighbours when the Covid lockdown was at its height. Many churches helped out caring for the isolated, distributing food parcels and supporting the vulnerable. Once again, this was often done in partnership with other churches regardless of tradition and parish boundaries. I pray as we recover as a city, that we will continue to remember those in need and there is an article in this newsletter about volunteering for the new Food 4 Thought Alliance.

It's strange how a crisis brings people together. Sometimes I wish we could capture that 'can do', blitz spirit, that we are all in it together to encourage us to construct stronger partnerships for the building of God's kingdom.

In the next few months, a number of our ministers are retiring or moving on pastures new. We wish these ministers all the best in the next stage of their ministry. Some of these churches in vacancy are going to struggle to keep going and will need our help. Is this another opportunity for us to reach out across our traditions and parish boundaries to build new partnerships so we can continue to work together to see God's kingdom grow?

With very best wishes,

Simon

*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 Friday 29 October: material to [jo.simister@derby.anglican.org](mailto:jo.simister@derby.anglican.org) please.**

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### CONFIRMATIONS IN THE CATHEDRAL ON SATURDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

*From the Canon Precentor Revd Richard Andrews* [Richard@derbycathedral.org](mailto:Richard@derbycathedral.org)

There will be a Diocesan Confirmation service in the Cathedral with Bishop Malcolm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 4 pm.

The Confirmation service will be without Communion to enable candidates to receive their first Communion in their own church.

Candidates from any parish, chaplaincy or fresh expression are very welcome.

In due course we will need the names of candidates, but in the first instance we would be grateful to know if colleagues think they may have candidates to present at the service.

Please reply to Jessica Kilmurray, the PA to the Dean and Canons, [jessica@derbycathedral.org](mailto:jessica@derbycathedral.org)

### STATS FOR MISSION:

*From Diocesan Missioner Revd Jason Kennedy* [jason.kennedy@derby.anglican.org](mailto:jason.kennedy@derby.anglican.org)

I am anticipating that the 2021 Statistics for Mission collection will open fully at the end of September in time for the October count data to be entered (it's already possible to enter the 2021 Easter and Electoral Roll data online), with the collection in earnest beginning in January next year when all the data is available. The deadline for submission is, as usual, the 31<sup>st</sup> of January. This is for the Statistics for Mission returns only – the finance returns are due later. The data collection will be curtailed again this year, modelled very much on the 2020 returns collected earlier this year. Notably, Usual Sunday Attendance still isn't being collected.

The data collection tools for this year and next are already available on the Statistics for Mission web page, which you can access at <https://derby.anglican.org/en/our-mission/statistics-for-mission/our-statistics-for-mission.html> (scroll down to 'Statistics Collection Tools') I have been through and updated all the downloadable resources to take account of current circumstances.

A word about multi-church parishes and teams submitting aggregated data for their churches – please submit separate returns for churches wherever possible. Obviously, where one church is a festival church or a chapel of ease without a regular service or congregation, it makes sense to submit aggregated data, but otherwise we really do need to see individual data. Churches are often contextually quite different, so aggregated data doesn't help us to see how each church is doing.

Once again, thank you to everyone for your patience and commitment in getting these returns, along with the finance returns, completed. Do get in touch if you need any help or have any concerns at all. I shall be on leave from the end of Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of September, and back in harness on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup>.

### THE ENERGY FOOTPRINT TOOL:

There's a third section on the Parish Returns site, the Energy Footprint Tool, which is a useful method of reviewing the ecological impact of your parish's energy usage habits. You can find the form to collect the information at <https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/> - it's available as a Word doc and a pdf. [see also page 15]



## 'A CHURCH NEAR YOU' WEBINAR

From the Communications Team [communications@derby.anglican.org](mailto:communications@derby.anglican.org) :

We are running a webinar on 5 October, "All about "Getting the most from your ACNY site".

It is being presented by Liz Morgan from the CofE Digital Team and Dave King from Diocese of Derby Comms Team.

This webinar is being prepared specifically for parishes / clergy / website managers in the Diocese of Derby. The registration link is [www.bit.ly/ACNYDioDerby](http://www.bit.ly/ACNYDioDerby)

## BISHOP LIBBY – DAY IN DERBY CITY DEANERY:

Bishop Libby will be visiting the Deanery on November 11<sup>th</sup> – watch out for details of informal gatherings open to all, to be publicised nearer the time.

## A VENUE FOR QUIET DAYS AND PARISH GETAWAYS:

Loudon Lodge is a newly refurbished community hub in Derby Arboretum, named after the man who designed the 11-acre space in 1840. It has an upstairs activity room overlooking the tranquil Community Garden, comfortable for 20-30 people; a meeting room for 8-10; and a kitchen and toilet. The hire charges for non-profit groups are very reasonable – probably around £100 for a full day. Contact [friendsderbyarbo@gmail.com](mailto:friendsderbyarbo@gmail.com) or [secretaryFDA@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryFDA@gmail.com) for more details.

## REMINDER: APCM RESULTS AND ELECTORAL ROLL CERTIFICATES:

From Jenny Allen [jenny.allen@derby.anglican.org](mailto:jenny.allen@derby.anglican.org)

We have quite a few outstanding APCM results and Electoral Roll figure Certificates for 2021. I have sent blanket and individual reminders where possible to all Secretaries and Electoral Roll officers and in their absence the Incumbent or even Warden. Please check your parish has sent these important forms back, to ensure we have correct information. Thanks!

## SAFEGUARDING MATTERS:

From Safeguarding Administrator Judie Fogarty [judie.fogarty@derby.anglican.org](mailto:judie.fogarty@derby.anglican.org)

The new national Church of England Learning and Development Framework was released in May this year and requires full implementation in every diocese by January 2022. See:

**Diocese of Derby Safeguarding Training Information:** [Who needs to have Safeguarding training? / Book a course](https://derby.anglican.org/en/about-us/safeguarding-information-menu/safeguarding-news/who-needs-to-have-safeguarding-training.html) [https://derby.anglican.org/en/about-us/safeguarding-information-menu/safeguarding-news/who-needs-to-have-safeguarding-training.html]

**Diocese of Derby Disclosure and Barring Check (DBS) Information:** [Disclosure and Barring Service \(DBS\)](https://derby.anglican.org/en/about-us/safeguarding-information-menu/disclosure-and-barring-service-dbs.html) [https://derby.anglican.org/en/about-us/safeguarding-information-menu/disclosure-and-barring-service-dbs.html]

**Diocese of Derby Safeguarding:** [Resources for Parish Safeguarding Officers](https://derby.anglican.org/en/resources-for-parish-safeguarding-officers.html) [https://derby.anglican.org/en/resources-for-parish-safeguarding-officers.html]

**Diocese of Derby Safeguarding Home Page:** [Safeguarding](https://derby.anglican.org/en/about-us/safeguarding-information-menu.html) [https://derby.anglican.org/en/about-us/safeguarding-information-menu.html]

**Report a safeguarding concern – 01332 388678**

## IT'S HARVEST TIME! HOW TO PROVIDE FOOD SAFELY AT COMMUNITY AND CHARITY EVENTS:

From <https://www.food.gov.uk/safety-hygiene/providing-food-at-community-and-charity-events>: Last updated 25 May 2018

Food supplied, sold or provided at charity or community events, such as street parties, school fetes or fundraisers, must comply with food law and be safe to eat.

You do not need a food hygiene certificate to make and sell food for charity events. However, you need to make sure that you handle food safely.

If your activity does not need to be registered as a food business, you don't have to provide information for consumers about allergens present in the food as ingredients. However, we recommend that you do so as best practice.

If you supply food on an occasional and small-scale basis, it is unlikely you will need to register as a food business. You may need to register with your local authority as a food business if you provide food on a regular and organised basis.

### Keeping food safe:

Following the 4Cs of food hygiene will help you prepare, make and store food safely. The 4Cs of food hygiene are:

- cleaning
- chilling
- cooking
- avoiding cross-contamination

Here are some general practical tips for when you're making food for large numbers of people:

- prepare food in advance and freeze it, if you can, but ensure the food is properly defrosted before you use it
- wash your hands regularly with soap and water, using hand sanitisers if hand washing facilities are not available
- always wash fresh fruit and vegetables keep raw and ready-to-eat foods apart do not use food past its use-by date
- always read any cooking instructions and make sure food is properly cooked before you serve it
- ensure that food preparation areas are suitably cleaned and sanitised after use and wash any equipment you are using in hot soapy water
- keep food out of the fridge for the shortest time possible

### Chilled food:

Food that needs to be chilled, such as sandwich fillings served as part of a buffet, should be left out of the fridge for no more than four hours. After this time, any remaining food should be thrown away or put back in the fridge. If you put the food back in the fridge, don't let it stand around at room temperature when you serve it again.

### Use-by dates:

Use-by dates show how long the food remains safe to eat or drink. Check and follow the use-by dates of the food you serve. Food cannot be supplied in any circumstances if its use-by date has passed. This also applies if you are supplying people with packaged food from a food bank.

### Foods that need extra care:

Some foods are more likely to cause food poisoning than others. These include:

- raw milk
- raw shellfish
- soft cheeses
- pâté
- foods containing raw egg
- cooked sliced meats

If you serve any of these foods, consult the 'Foods which need extra care' section in the 'Safer food better business' pack. [<https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/safer-food-better-business-for-caterers>]

### **Cakes:**

You can serve home-made cakes at community events. They should be safe to eat if:

- a recipe from a reputable source is used
- the people who make them follow good food hygiene advice
- the cakes are stored and transported safely

### **Making and transporting cakes:**

If you make a cake at home:

- use recipes from reputable sources
- always wash your hands before preparing food
- make sure that surfaces, bowls, utensils, and any other equipment are clean
- don't use raw eggs in anything that won't be thoroughly cooked, such as icing or mousse
- keep cheesecakes and any cakes or desserts containing fresh cream in the fridge
- store cakes in a clean, sealable container, away from raw foods

On the day, when you bring in cakes from home or run the stall, you should:

- transport cakes in a clean, sealable container
- make sure that cheesecake and any cakes or desserts containing fresh cream are left out of the fridge for the shortest time possible, ideally not longer than 4 hours
- when handling cakes use tongs or a cake slice

### **Storing cakes:**

You can keep cakes and baked goods with high sugar content in:

- airtight containers - this will prevent mould growth through absorption of moisture from the atmosphere
- the fridge - cakes will last for longer, but their quality may be affected

Any cakes with high moisture additions, such as cream added after baking, should not be left at room temperature. They must be stored chilled (in the fridge) and eaten within the use-by date of the added product.

There are some types of icing, such as ganache and buttercream, that can be kept outside the fridge. It's best to store them somewhere cool and dry. Check the guidelines for storage of the particular icing product you will be using.

### **Using jam jars:**

It is safe to re-use glass jam jars occasionally to supply home-made jam or chutney as long as the jars are properly washed. If jam jars are re-used, they should be free from chips and cracks, and should be sterilised prior to each use. Well-fitting lids will also minimise any hygiene risks to the food in the jars.

The regulations on food contact materials, which may limit the re-use of jam jars, apply to businesses. These regulations are highly unlikely to apply to the use of jam jars for occasional community and charity food provision. If you have any concerns about the re-use of jam jars, contact your local authority food safety team.

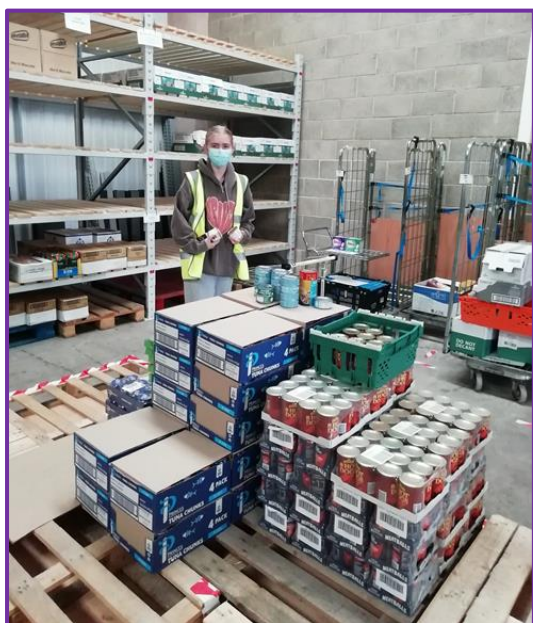


## NEWS FROM AROUND THE DEANERY:

### DERBY FOOD 4 THOUGHT ALLIANCE – VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

From Revd Paul Desborough [paul@sinfinmoorchurch.org.uk](mailto:paul@sinfinmoorchurch.org.uk)

Initiated and developed through the Covid -19 pandemic the DF4T Alliance is becoming an established partner against poverty in Derby. Initially responding to an emergency, the partnership is strategically changing the approach around food banks from a 'hand out to a hand up' that not only responds to people's needs around food but assists them out of those needs for the longer term. From the start Churches from all traditions have been involved with statutory, business and volunteer groups enabling much progress to be made in tackling poverty in Derby. The work continues in June –July just over 2,282 food parcels were directly distributed across all partners and an additional 172 food parcels through the Derby Community Hub. For this period DF4T Alliance helped 2,369 children and 2,629 adults. Also, one of our Local Food Distribution Hubs, Aspire provided on a weekly basis additional support for school children with the breakfast packs.



One of the key developments has been the securing of a Central Storage Unit where purchased and donated food can be delivered, sorted, stored, and distributed to the Local Food Distribution Hubs and organisations across the city. This is underpinned by volunteers who offer an amount of time suited to them that enables the daily operations. As some volunteers have returned to work and education, we have space for new volunteers to join in with this work. If this is something that interests you or you would like to find out more, please contact our Project Administrator Irina.

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For a short video about our story go to

<https://www.communityactionderby.org.uk/df4ta/news/df4ta-the-story-so-far> and for more recent Radio Derby and Derby Telegraph interviews and more information about the work of DF4T Alliance go to <https://www.facebook.com/DF4TA/>

## FRIENDS OF DERBY CATHEDRAL: TREASURER NEEDED

The Friends Council are looking for a new treasurer. It is not an onerous task to manage the funds, account for subscriptions, expenditure, prepare year end accounts and attend Friends council meetings. We are looking for a person who can work from home, understand bank statements, spreadsheets and be able to manage on-line banking matters. Anybody who would like to help is asked to contact the Friends Secretary; Frank Bagshaw tel 01629 735154 or email [frankbagshaw@aol.com](mailto:frankbagshaw@aol.com)

## HYMNBOOK SWAP:

St Anne's has 32 Large Print copies of Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New going begging, and would be happy to give them to any church that could use them. In similar vein, St Anne's would be keen to have any surplus copies of The New English Hymnal as they now find ourselves without sufficient numbers. Offers to Fr Giles Orton please: [frgilesorton@fastmail.fm](mailto:frgilesorton@fastmail.fm) .

## ALPHA COMES TO DERBY:



Alpha UK has launched a new campaign this term to invite a nation to Alpha. Churches across Derby, from different denominations, are joining together to both run an advertising campaign to raise awareness of Alpha across the city and to pray for the different Alpha courses running in Derby this term.

From the month of September, 18 buses in Derby are advertising Alpha -do look out for the buses! If you spot one, why not take a photo and share it on social media with #AlphaDerby. There is also a social media campaign, with Alpha Derby, facebook and instagram adverts running. The best way to get someone on an Alpha course is for them to be personally invited, but by raising the profile of Alpha across Derby, we are praying it will make the invite easier.

A Derby Alpha website <https://www.alphaderby.co.uk> has been set up, where churches can list their alpha course for this coming term. If you are running a course and would like to advertise it, then send the details of your course to [caleb.connors@stwderby.org](mailto:caleb.connors@stwderby.org).

We are also going to be running 24/7 prayer for Alpha for the coming term from 13th to 27th September and meeting together on Wednesday 22nd September at Derby City Church 7:30 to 8:30pm to pray together, and everyone is warmly invited to join in with this.

If you haven't run an Alpha course before but would like to know more about how the course runs, then we are running a joint training evening for this term's Alpha on Tuesday 21st September at 7pm, St Werburgh's Church, Friar Gate. Again you would be very welcome to come along to this training evening to find out more about the Alpha Course.

If you would like any further information do contact Jenny Newman at [jenny.newman@stwderby.org](mailto:jenny.newman@stwderby.org)

# DERBY CITY DEANERY: ROOTED IN PRAYER

## SPIRITUALITY NETWORK AUTUMN EVENTS:

From Nicky Fenton [nicky.fenton@bishopofderby.org](mailto:nicky.fenton@bishopofderby.org) ; 07811957913

### SEPTEMBER: 2027 Prayer Community - 30th September – Facebook Live launch 6pm.

Join Bishop Libby for this teatime event and be amongst the first to sign up to join our new diocesan community of prayer.

Community members will be asked to commit to praying our diocesan prayer and the Lord's Prayer every day and will have the opportunity to discover all sorts of additional resources over the next 6 years. More details from the diocesan website at the end of September.

*Gracious God,  
in your mercy, and for your glory,  
renew us, reshape us, revive us -  
with generous faith, courageous hope, and life-giving love -  
that, in transformed lives,  
through growing church and building community,  
we may see your Kingdom come  
and be good news for all.  
Amen.*

### Two quiet days for clergy - licensed, with PTO and retired clergy as part of the preparation for the 2021 Clergy Conference:

- **Prayer Weaving** with Karen Herrick 9:30-12:30 on Monday 27th at St Thomas Brampton Suite, Chatsworth Road, Chesterfield, S40 3AW. Limited to 12 places.
- **Breathing Space** with Chris Chapman 9-12:30 on Tuesday 28th online.

Both these events can be booked via the clergy conference website  
[www.derbyclergyconference.co.uk](http://www.derbyclergyconference.co.uk)

### OCTOBER: The Bible, The Imagination and Our Spiritual Journey - Janet Morley, Thursday 14 9:45am-4:30pm (online)

What is our current personal relationship with the Bible, and how has that changed over time? How can we deepen and refresh this relationship, away from unreflective routine, rigid interpretations, or even boredom?

This quiet day will focus on three creative writers from different eras: C.S. Lewis, John Bunyan and Charles Wesley. Often received as controversial, all three writers engaged their profound familiarity with the biblical text to create startlingly original works that have shaped the Christian faith and imagination of generations of spiritual seekers. Passages from 'Voyage of the Dawn Treader', 'Pilgrim's Progress', and the hymn 'Open Lord my inward ear' will be explored alongside biblical texts which resonate with their themes.

The day will include four presentations by Janet Morley, whose recent anthologies show how Christians can be helped and challenged by poetry, both religious and secular. There will be good spaces of offline time for personal reflection, the option to join a 'breakout room' conversation, and the day will be framed with worship.

This event is open to everyone, please book with [nicky.fenton@bishopofderby.org](mailto:nicky.fenton@bishopofderby.org)



## **NOVEMBER: Spiritual Direction as Liminal Space – November 16th 9:30am-1:00pm online with Nigel Rooms**

We will connect in this event the concept of liminality (defined as “how human beings experience and react to change”) with the task of spiritual direction. Participants will share in experiences of liminality, understand some of the background sources to liminal theory and make concrete connections with their practice of prayer and spiritual direction such that they can create safe and appropriate holding spaces for liminal process and movement in directees.

Nigel Rooms is an Anglican priest, theologian and Priest Associate of the Sisters of the Love God at Fairacres, Oxford. He has been a spiritual director for around fifteen years. With others he has co-authored two books relevant to this session:

*Soul Friendship: A Practical Theology of Spiritual Direction* (Norwich: Canterbury Press, 2019) – see especially chapters 3 & 4

*Crossing Thresholds: A Practical Theology of Liminality* (Cambridge: Lutterworth Press, 2021) – see especially chapters 1,2,3, 9 & 12

This event is open to all but is especially relevant for spiritual accompaniers and for those engaged in pastoral ministry of any kind. Please book with [nicky.fenton@bishopofderby.org](mailto:nicky.fenton@bishopofderby.org)

## **DECEMBER: Advent Hope – online gatherings for prayer and reflecting on what God draws to our attention as we spend time engaging with a Bible passage using techniques similar to lectio divina.**

More details form the diocesan website nearer the time, there will be a repeated session occurring one morning and one evening each week of Advent, days and times tbc.

## **SNAPSHOTS OF 2022:**

Highlights to look out for in the summer and spring of 2022 include:

- Exploring Ignatian Wisdom
- Creative online quiet day themed around the work of Arthur Wallis
- in person workshop on journaling
- in person workshop on creative writing
- Thy Kingdom come
- Listening skills refresher session
- cycling pilgrimage



## **ART OF SPIRITUAL ACCOMPANIMENT COURSE:**

The next experiential Art of Spiritual Accompaniment course begins in March 2022 for both lay and ordained people exploring listening, prayer and discernment seeking to determine whether God might be calling them to the ministry of accompanying others in their spiritual journey. It consists of four face-to-face Saturdays and 11 evening Zoom sessions. These sessions will include space and silence, an exploration of different ways of praying, practical listening skills in triads, reflection time in small groups and teaching about spiritual traditions and good practice.

For more information see the attached leaflet and application form or contact [nicky.fenton@bishopofderby.org](mailto:nicky.fenton@bishopofderby.org)

## DERBY CITY DEANERY: SERVING DERBY

### SUPPORT FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

*From Maureen Priddin, Derby Cathedral and Derby City of Sanctuary network*

For the last two weeks our screens have been showing harrowing scenes from a country halfway around the world, where a nation is in turmoil and many people are fearful about the future and struggling to know what to do next. What we are seeing in Afghanistan is an unfolding humanitarian crisis, with people leaving through evacuation flights as well attempting to cross borders into neighbouring countries. Please hold the situation and people of Afghanistan in your prayers

Around seventy people in family groups have now arrived in Derby and are in temporary hotel accommodation which will be their home until they can be resettled in different parts of the UK. These are families who have arrived through the Government's ARAP scheme, having worked for the British Government in Kabul or as interpreters in Helmand.

Already refugee support organisations in Derby, churches and the national "Welcome Churches" are working together to ensure people are welcomed and helped.



#### Take Action against the #AntiRefugeeBill

The Afghan crisis has exposed the lack of safe routes to sanctuary and cruel nature of the Nationality and Borders Bill. [Please see our website](#) which collates the work of partners in the new [#TogetherWithRefugees](#) coalition campaign. The [website](#) will be updated as soon as amendments are published and includes links to **resources and actions** you can take NOW to oppose the Nationality and Borders Bill. Resources include working with MPs and councillors, petitions, template letters, key facts and promoting the orange heart as a symbol of compassion for people seeking sanctuary.

[#TogetherWithRefugees](#) we will show the government [#WhoWeAre](#)

***"proud to welcome and support those seeking sanctuary in Derby and Derbyshire"***

### HOW CAN CHURCHES HELP?

- Upbeat Communities (one of the refugee charities in Derby) have launched a Just Giving page. By receiving financial donations they are able to be flexible in providing immediate support and make plans for support in the coming weeks. For details go to <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/UpbeatCommunitiesAfghanAppeal>
- A list of urgently needed items will be published as soon as possible. DRS (Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity) are always happy to receive donations for their work with refugees including those from Afghanistan. For further information go to [www.derbyshirerefugeesolidarity.org](http://www.derbyshirerefugeesolidarity.org) or Facebook <http://m.facebook.com>
- Meanwhile we are invited to contact our MP to ensure the Government commits to its promise to resettle more Afghan refugees along with those currently here in the UK who are not part of the resettlement scheme and some of whom may be being held in detention centres



## A PRAYER FOR AFGHANISTAN (CHRISTIAN AID)

O God of mercy and peace,  
We hold before you the peoples of Afghanistan.  
Be living bread to those who are hungry each day.  
Be healing and wholeness to those who have no access to health care amid the ravages of the pandemic.  
Be their true home to all who have been displaced.  
Be open arms of loving acceptance to those who fear because of their gender, ethnicity, religious or political views.  
Be peace to those engaged in armed conflict and those who live within its shadow.  
Turn our hearts and minds to your gentle ways of just and gentle peace.  
Open our eyes to see you in all acts of compassionate care.  
Strengthen our hearts to step out in solidarity with your suffering people and hold us all in your unfailing love.  
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who emptied himself of all but love in order to bring life in all its fullness. Amen

*This prayer was written by Ramani Leathard, Christian Aid's Head of Region for South East Asia and Afghanistan.*

*For more points for prayer go to [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk) and click on Prayer for Afghanistan*

## UPDATE FROM UPBEAT COMMUNITIES:

*From Vicki Offin, Head of Supporter Engagement [vicki@upbeatcommunities.org](mailto:vicki@upbeatcommunities.org)*

Over recent weeks Upbeat Communities have been welcoming new arrivals from Afghanistan in hotels in Derby and in Lincolnshire. We have already seen many families who arrived in late August move on from the hotels to allocated accommodation around the country, but many still remain living in the hotel for now. We have been working in partnership with local churches, the local council and other organisations to co-ordinate a variety of support.

As we meet those whose lives have been turned upside down, we have heard stories of horror and great sadness. Our new Afghan friends have expressed their gratitude for the sanctuary given to them by this city and our government, and whilst many still face the uncertainty of where they will be moved to, they manage their eagerness to be settled with so much grace and courage.

Upbeat continues to work with those seeking refuge from around the world, providing English classes, women's support groups, kids holiday clubs and other activities to bring our new neighbours into community.

We would ask you to pray:

- For Afghan families patiently waiting for permanent accommodation for their families
- For all those seeking refuge in our city, who are facing their own challenges
- For the team at Upbeat Communities to be able to meet the needs of this vulnerable community

# DERBY CITY DEANERY: SHARING THE GOSPEL

## RAY OF HOPE: THE BISHOP'S HARVEST APPEAL 2021:

With desperate poverty and homelessness severely damaging the life chances of girls in one of the world's biggest and poorest slum areas, Bishop Libby has launched this year's Harvest Appeal to raise thousands of pounds towards their housing and basic education.



St Elizabeth's Hostel in Kolkata, India, is the focus of this year's Harvest Appeal, which will run in parishes and schools throughout the Diocese of Derby from September to the end of December.

The diocese has a long mutual association with the Church of North India, not least through links with schools over many decades.

Drawn from some of the poorest slums in the city, St Elizabeth's is a refuge for up to 86 girls at any one time. Sometimes homeless and always underprivileged, the girls at the hostel are provided with accommodation, food, clothing and other basic necessities as well as an education up to Higher Secondary level.

As a result of the pandemic, financial support has either been cut or is at severe risk in what are sometimes considered as low-priority areas, such as girls' education.

Bishop Libby is determined that the long-term development of girls at St Elizabeth's should continue. Education helps them overcome social and financial challenges and to access jobs and income that will enable them to live independently and sustain themselves.

Without the support of St Elizabeth's, most of the girls would receive no education at all, making it likely they would remain in poverty like many thousands of other girls and vulnerable to exploitation, often by the sex trade.

Bishop Libby said: "Many of these girls come from truly desperate situations, and lacking the basic tools to be able to change that. St Elizabeth's work is so inspiring – a shining example of our partners in the Church of North India making known the good news of the Kingdom of God.

"The joy and opportunity it brings are clear to see on the faces of these girls, and I know the people of Derbyshire will join with us help us raise the money needed to keep this wonderful institution alive."

### Individual donations

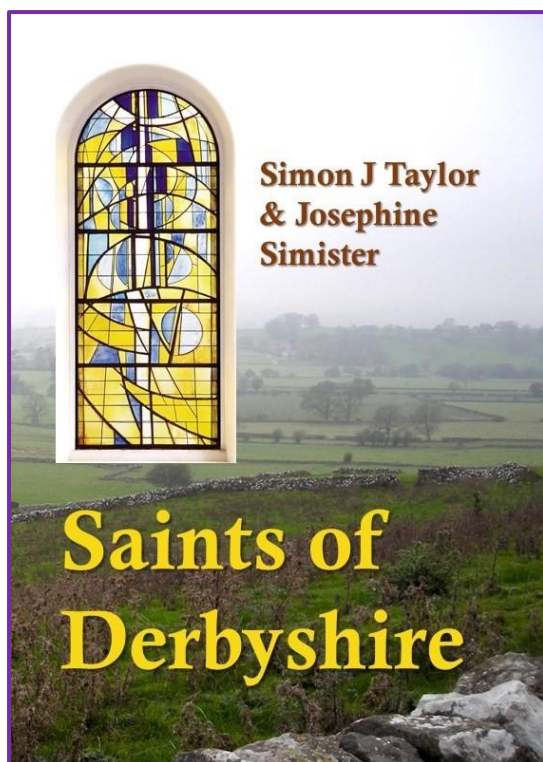
You can make an online donation, with the option to Gift Aid, to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal at [www.justgiving.com/campaign/harvestappeal2021](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/harvestappeal2021).

Cheques should be made payable to DDBF Ltd and sent to "The Bishop of Derby's Harvest Appeal 2021", c/o Derby Church House, Full Street, Derby DE1 3DR.

For **Church and School donations**, and more information, please go to <https://derby.anglican.org/en/news/bishop-s-harvest-appeal-2021.html>



## SAINTS OF DERBYSHIRE: EXTENSION OF PRE-PUBLICATION OFFER



There has been a delay getting this publication to the printers, therefore Cathedral Enterprises have given permission to repeat the **pre-publication offer of £10** per copy (instead of the expected price of £12.50) to those who send in an order to [jo.simister@derby.anglican.org](mailto:jo.simister@derby.anglican.org) by 15<sup>th</sup> October.

***Don't delay, do it today! Get your Christmas list sorted!***

To recap: in these pages you will meet the murderers, monsters, misfits and missionaries whose traces are to be found in the peaks and dales of Derbyshire.

Monsters eating babies, nuns resurrecting geese, assassinations, refugees, alcoholics... they are all there, along with plague and persecution, and healers and hermits, reformers, scientists and soldiers.

Fifty saints and more than seventy locations.

*Simon says: "Saints' lives are not just good stories of love and passion and political turmoil. Their lives stretch the narrow containers of our lives and help us to form*

*connections: to the times in which they lived; to the places in which they lived; and, most importantly, to God...."*

Besides the story, each chapter is illustrated with Jo's line drawings and also contains a prayer accompanied by one of Jo's linocuts. Each has additional sections 'Where to go' (self-explanatory) and 'Also interesting' (quirky tidbits related to the main story).

The Cathedral will host a **Book Launch with Simon and Jo, planned for Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November**, alongside an exhibition about the inspirations for the linocuts – this exhibition of twenty A1 posters will also be available to parishes throughout the Diocese. More about this nearer the time – but do put the date in your diary!



## SCHOOLS OF SANCTUARY RESOURCES:

Our website has a wealth of resources to support local groups promote and review Schools of Sanctuary applications and to help schools themselves develop their policies and practice in order to learn, embed and share welcome within the school.

For schools, the Schools of Sanctuary website includes suggested school and classroom activities, advice for inclusive policy development and [case studies of best practice](https://data.cityofsanctuary.org/civicrm/ mailing/ url?u=4597&qid=24700) from schools across the network. [<https://data.cityofsanctuary.org/civicrm/ mailing/ url?u=4597&qid=24700>]

You can also subscribe for the [termly newsletter](https://data.cityofsanctuary.org/civicrm/ mailing/ url?u=4598&qid=24700) for news from schools, upcoming events, CPD opportunities and more! [<https://data.cityofsanctuary.org/civicrm/ mailing/ url?u=4598&qid=24700>]

If you would like to carry out Schools of Sanctuary appraisals in your area, you can also find a suggested appraisal process and resources to support you review applications from schools and offer feedback

Visit the Schools of Sanctuary website at <https://schools.cityofsanctuary.org/>



## BREATHING SPACE:

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP ADULTS LEARN TO READ IN DERBY?

From Sara Martin, Pioneer for Read Easy in Derby.  
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The stark reality is that there are 2.4m adults in England who either can't read at all or struggle with this most basic requirement for everyday life. On a practical level, this means that carrying out everyday tasks can be challenging, if not impossible, whilst being unable to read and write is associated with higher mortality, depression, isolation and mental health issues.

Read Easy UK is a national charity that helps adults learn to read and a brand new Read Easy group is about to launch in Derby. Sara Martin, the Read Easy Pioneer for Derby is looking for your support to help get the ball rolling.

In Derby there are around 12,000 adults who can't read or struggle with everyday reading and Read Easy is passionate about changing that with its proven, confidential programme of free, one-to-one, volunteer-led adult reading coaching. Sara is currently looking for local people who can support the development of the new group by volunteering as Management Team members.



Becoming a Management Team volunteer for Read Easy is fun and fulfilling but requires commitment and passion. You'll be given lots of support and full training, meet a diverse range of people, and be part of a genuinely life-changing organisation. From experience, we know that learning to read really does change lives and being part of that process is special.

Whether you've got existing skills you'd like to put to good use, or are looking to develop new ones, Sara is keen to hear from you. Becoming a Management Team member is an exciting chance to play a key role in bringing your community together, and to make a difference.

The impact of learning to read is tangible for both Volunteers and Readers. The phrase Read Easy hears from its readers time-and-time again is 'life-changing'. But for our volunteers too, the process of helping adults learn to read has a profound effect on their lives. If you'd like to play a key part in helping to transform the lives of adults near you, while developing existing skills and learning new ones in a supportive, fun environment, then why not get in touch?"

To learn more about becoming a Read Easy Management Team volunteer in Derby, please contact Sara Martin – [derbypioneer@readeasy.org.uk](mailto:derbypioneer@readeasy.org.uk)

For more information about Read Easy UK go to <https://readeasy.org.uk/> and follow the links to Read Easy - Helping adults learn to read.

## PARENTING FOR FAITH:

From Diocesan Children's Advisor Sarah Brown

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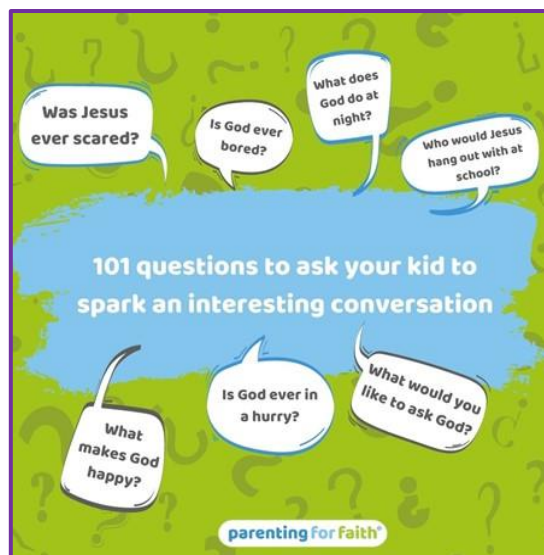
A survey before Lockdown by Care for the Family revealed that on average, 50% of children who grow up in Christian families don't continue as adults in the Christian faith. Considering why this happens, the survey asked Christian parents, "Whose responsibility is it to help your child learn about the Christian faith?" 85% said that they felt it was their responsibility, but then continued to say that they felt that the church was better placed to do this.

A swift calculation, however, will show that even if a child attends very nearly every weekly Sunday group, over a year that might only equate to around 35 hours! Compare that with the time spent at home with family or carers. Which is likely to have the bigger impact?

Many parents acknowledge that they lack confidence when helping children grow in their faith. Interestingly when questioned about the effort made by churches to develop different areas of faith, (for example, evangelism and regular Bible reading) Christian leaders said that "Supporting parents to nurture faith in the home" generally receives much less time and effort than other priorities.

Linking in with the Growing Faith work I will be developing a bank of resources that can be used by churches to help parents and carers make a start on sharing their faith with children. The "Parenting for Faith" 101 Questions is one such idea, more are available free to download from [\[https://anglican.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5065e37bb661b003a241d43c9&id=fad52db949&e=b14e72e594\]](https://anglican.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5065e37bb661b003a241d43c9&id=fad52db949&e=b14e72e594)

If you have ideas about resources that you've used which work well, do let me know about them!



## ECO CHALLENGE: Some thoughts from Walbrook Epiphany Parish

Although as individuals the Church will reduce CO2 and other emissions more by persuading people to change their lifestyles than by direct action, there are some ways that individual Churches can reduce their environmental impact. We think some of these are appropriate for us:

### 1. Reduce Energy Use:

If a church business meeting would require a building to be heated specially, consider whether that meeting could be online.

### 2. Use Energy in the most efficient way possible:

If heating plant needs to be replaced, investigate and if possible install the most environmentally friendly option, i.e. look at alternative fuels, all-electric or heat pumps, rather than just replacing the gas boiler.

### 3. Travel Less, and use more Public Transport

Choose venues which are accessible by public transport, and encourage people to use it.

### 4. Vegetarian Food

Simplify catering by providing only vegetarian food. This is not a matter of the Church saying that everyone should be vegetarian, but a recognition that it is more environmentally friendly (and often cheaper).

## NOTICEBOARD

### DERBY PEACE WEEK:

- Thurs 23 Sept 7.30pm Derby Market Place Marquee **“Drum and Dance Workshop and World Music DJ set with DJ Su-Ki”**
- Fri 24 Sept QUAD Exhibition by Black Trans artist Danielle Braithwaite-Shirly, which includes elements of **Black slave history, Black Trans identity and LGBTQ+ issues**
- Sat 25 Sept 4.30pm **Peace Concert** featuring **Hannah White** at St Peters Centre, Derby. Tickets from Derby Live

- **Thurs 23 Derby Theatre: All The Beds I Have Slept In:**

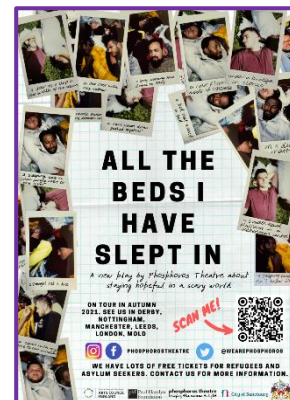
- *A charpai on my roof in Afghanistan*
- *A dirty bunk in a hostel in Milan*
- *A sleeping bag in a tent going camping with my college*
- *Under a bridge in Liverpool Street on my first day in England*
- *A bed that wasn't a bed*

A brand new play by this dynamic, emerging company of lived experience refugee performers, exploring the seam of kindness and care that lies within their experience of leaving their homelands to seek asylum. From a flat in North London to the exercise yard of a Greek detention centre, beds anchor us to the various points of the journey. Supposed spaces of safety become transient; shelters are taken away without notice; and the route from one place to the next is fraught with obstacles. This play is a shout-out to all the real people who kept the actors moving forward. It explores the hidden moments of hospitality that change the course of a journey, and how to repay them. The intimacy created between friends when family is absent, and how to stay hopeful in a scary world.

[Derby Theatre](https://www.derbytheatre.co.uk/all-beds-i-have-slept-in-by-phosphoros-theatre), Thursday 23 September [<https://www.derbytheatre.co.uk/all-beds-i-have-slept-in-by-phosphoros-theatre>]

Stay updated here or on Twitter [@WeArePhosphoros](https://twitter.com/WeArePhosphoros)

See our Facebook page (<https://en-gb.facebook.com/derbypeaceweek/>) for more details including contact e-mails/phone numbers and if places need to be booked. Any changes/additions will be on the Facebook page.



### AUTUMN FAIR

Saturday October 30th 10.30-2pm  
St Luke's Church, Parliament St, D22 3RL.

- Various stalls, tasty refreshments available.
- Guess the weight of the cake or buy homemade.

***Christmas shopping sorted  
with no queues***

### CHRISTMAS MARKET

13 November 11-3pm  
St Edmund Allenton & Shelton Lock

We welcome all stalls and charge £5 a pitch with the money raised helping to fund our many community projects including food bank, breakfast club and other fun days.

We also have fortnightly car boots and fortnightly bingo.

Contact Terry Nash [teztheterror@gmail.com](mailto:teztheterror@gmail.com)