

Derby City Deanery NEWSLETTER

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

From the Deanery Administrator:



Dear friends,

Welcome to the first of our now termly Deanery newsletters. If you haven't already heard, we are now also on Facebook. Find us at www.facebook.com/DCCDeanery Here, you will be able to find, up-to-date information about events happening all across the Deanery, giving you the ability to pray for and support the fantastic work the Churches, across the city, are doing.

Now, let me take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Kelly Martin, and I am your new Deanery Administrator for Derby City Deanery. I am married to Ben Martin; we have two wonderful and totally nutty children Levi (14) and Eva (7). Together we serve as Lay Pioneer Ministers for St Alkmunds and St Anne's, pioneering mission in Derby's West End, where we also live. We moved into the West End in November of 2020 and have had the interesting job of trying to get to know those in our community in a period where we were not able to meet up with, well, anybody. However, we have seen some fantastic things happening here and have met some wonderful characters.

I have also recently graduated from Derby University after studying History with English, two subjects that I have adored always. The philosophy in our home is that there is no such thing as too many books, just not enough bookshelves. The kids, as well as myself and my husband, are extremely happy to be in a house that is big enough for all our books, with space for more!

Anyway, enough about me. All that's left to say is that I am so excited to be able to further serve the Deanery in my role as administrator and look forward to getting to know many of you from across the Deanery.

Kelly Martin

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

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Deanery Synod Dates:

Weds 18 May, Tues 20 September, Weds 23 November

Diocesan Synod Dates:

Sat 25 June, Sat 15 October

Introducing the new Living Generously Advisor – Steve Johnson



Hi – my name is Steve Johnson, and I've been appointed to a new role within the Diocese, that of Generous Living Advisor, a role I am extremely excited about. I am endeavouring to ascertain the complexities of what the role will demand, and I am very grateful for all the support, encouragement, resources, and friendship offered to me, together with the opportunity to connect with new people in and around the diocese.

I am Derbyshire born and bred, I live in South Derbyshire with my wife Joanne and our two children, Joanne also working for the Diocese as the Accounts Assistant. I graduated from Sheffield University in 1993 and have spent all my professional career in commerce and retail running my own multi franchised company.

I have been a Christian all my life increasingly nurturing my faith through the last 20 years, I find myself in the second year of LLM (Reader) Training in the Derby Diocese, looking forward to combining the commercial expertise I have gained over 30 years in business together with the application of my evolution of my faith learning journey.

On reflection I passionately believe God determined events in my life which have guided and equipped me, calling me to this new challenge for which He has prepared me. At present I am making my introductions, discovering the requirements and challenges of the Generous Living Advisor together with the resources, tools and processes I must learn to enable the creation of a consistent, deliverable, and sustainable program for our diverse parish network.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require any assistance with the Parish Giving Scheme, Card Reader or Contactless giving as well as online donations. My email is steve.johnson@derby.anglican.org, and you can call me on 07359 067631.

I hope to be in touch with as many as I can over the next few months as I make my way out into the parishes.

DERBY CITY DEANERY: ROOTED IN PRAYER

The 2027 Community of Prayer

What is the 2027 Community of Prayer?

We are the Diocese of Derby network of prayer – praying together, as we prepare to celebrate our centenary in 2027, for transformed lives in growing church and building community the length and breadth of our diocese.

Our shared prayer across the diocese is the frame that holds us together as God weaves the threads of our lives, our worship, witness and work for Christ, into something beautiful.

We hope that over the next five years 2027 people will commit to regular prayer, as individuals, and as churches, groups or schools.

Why join the 2027 Community of Prayer?

As a Deanery we are 'Rooted in Prayer', prayer is a part of our rhythm of life. In prayer the Spirit unites us to God and to one another; in prayer we are changed ever more into the likeness of Christ; in prayer we are equipped for our Heavenly Father's service.

Being rooted in prayer nourishes our shared values of generous faith, courageous hope and life-giving love. Prayer is essential as we engage afresh in living out the 5 Marks of Mission – to tell, teach, tend, transform and treasure – in response to the vision God has given us of the Kingdom of God as good news for all.

Prayer is a demonstration of our love and commitment to all the people and places of our diocese in Derbyshire, the city of Derby, and beyond.

Who can join the 2027 Community of Prayer?

Anyone can join - everyone who wants to be part of this movement of prayer. We pray for God's Kingdom to come in our diocese – please join us.

You can become a Companion of the 2027 Community of Prayer as an individual, and as a church or group, or as a school.

We will also occasionally keep you updated with other prayer resources as part of your daily or monthly email.

To join the 2027 community of prayer, go to <https://derby.anglican.org/en/faith-and-life/2027-community-of-prayer.html> and register your membership.

DERBY CITY DEANERY: ROOTED IN PRAYER

A Prayer for the people of Ukraine and Russia

God of all peoples and nations,

Who created all things alive and breathing,

United and whole,

Show us the way of peace that is your overwhelming presence.

We hold before you the peoples of Ukraine and Russia,

Every child and every adult.

We long for the time

When weapons of war are beaten into ploughshares

When nations no longer lift up sword against nation.

We cry out to you for peace.

Protect those who only desire and deserve to live in security and safety

Comfort those who fear for their lives and the lives of their loved ones

Be with those who are bereaved.

Change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression

And fill leaders with the wisdom that leads to peace.

Kindle again in us a love of our neighbour,

And a passion for justice to prevail

and a renewed recognition that we all play a part in peace.

Creator of all hear our prayer

And bring us peace. make us whole.

Amen.

DERBY CITY DEANERY: SERVING DERBY

Derby Poverty Commission

The Derby Poverty Commission launched in April 2021 and is a direct response to the issue of poverty in Derby City, as highlighted during the Covid-19 pandemic. The Commission – chaired by Peter Robinson, Dean of Derby, and vice chair Paul Brookhouse, Project Manager of Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance – is an independent Commission with membership and participation from across all sectors in the city. The Derby Poverty Commission seeks to focus primarily on the real difficulties the people of Derby face with regards to poverty and the ill-effects it has. It looks to do this by:

- Understanding the nature of poverty and inequality in the city.
- Scrutinising the scope, range, and impact of poverty.
- Communicating to stakeholders about the nature of poverty.
- Examining the causes of poverty.
- Making recommendations and proposals for alleviating poverty.

During the year so far, we very quickly created 4 sub-groups to the commission, each looking at key areas of poverty within our city and how we can respond in short term as well as longer term. We also unanimously agreed that the Commission would benefit from being grass-rooted and seeking the input and involvement of our communities. To this end, we are forming a Poverty **Truth** Commission which joins lived-experience commissioners, alongside business & civic leaders.

In recent weeks, the rising cost of living crisis has very much consumed the attention and direction that the Commission is currently taking, which culminated in a letter being sent to key leaders in the city, one of its recommendations being a need for a strategic group to be established, aiming to focus on how we respond. This has now been established and meets on a weekly basis to look at how we can best support our city in these unpresented times.

We recognise the importance of the Faith Sector and how it can support and respond during these times, both practically and also spiritually. As part of this response, the Churches in our city can help by praying for:

- everyone involved in supporting those in need at this time
- financial resources and food provision to support those referred for help
- the impact the rising cost of living will have on mental health, DV and crime, as side effects of people not coping.

For more information on how you might be able to help please contact Paul Brookhouse, by email on: df4ta@communityactionderby.org.uk.

Save the date - Poverty Commission and Multi Faith Centre event

Title: Cost of Living Crisis Summit for the Faith Sector

Date: Thursday 5th May 2022

Time: 14:00 to 16:00 and 17:30 to 19:30 (x2 events)

Venue: MS Teams – Multi Faith Centre account

Audience: Faith groups, communities and organisations faith leaders and activists in Derby

Purpose

1. An event to mobilise a co-ordinated faith community response to the cost-of-living crisis in Derby.
2. Communicate the 'Ask' of the city's faith communities.

The event(s) will aim to:

- Understand the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on communities and neighbourhoods & prepare the sector for the likely impacts of over the next 12 months
- Identify what faith communities are already doing deal with issues resulting from the crisis.
- Promote the role that faith communities can play in alleviating the impact, such as communication and signposting to the help and support available.
- Communicate what support is already available.
- Removing the stigma of asking for help - Discuss how to get the message out to those sucked into poverty or who have never thought of themselves as struggling
- Create a plan for what faith communities can do immediately, in 3 months in 6 months.

DERBY CITY DEANERY: SERVING DERBY

YADA Collective - An innovative bar seeking to reimagine Derby's nightlife; the first in the Midlands to be alcohol-free

Founded by three university graduates, YADA Collective is an alternative and inclusive venue located on Green Lane. The first alcohol-free bar in Derby and the Midlands.



Pictured standing in front of the brand logo, all three YADA directors holding alcohol-free drinks as their new venture takes off. From the left, Rhondell Stabana, Craig Picton and Mark Innis.

YADA Collective began as an idea in the summer of 2016 when Craig Picton, Rhondell Stabana, Julio Abraham and a team of other young adults decided to reimagine Derby's nightlife.

Since then, they've partnered with the Derby City Mission charity in 2017 to host dry bar pop-up events. As well as hosting numerous community support projects at the cosy BEAR café in 2019. Now, YADA has its own permanent alcohol-free bar and venue on Green Lane! Craig Picton, 26, one of the co-founders shares why he got behind the company: "As a Derby student I saw the realities of the night scene where party-goers endure lonely, disoriented walks home, often regretful of ever going out in the first place," he adds "YADA aims to show that there is another way."

A recent study by the alcohol-free brand, Freestar, discovered that over a quarter of British citizens have the desire to drink less. Following the pandemic, being alcohol conscious has become a growing trend with 37% of millennials actively finding ways to reduce their alcohol intake.

"We are more than just a bar," the co-director, Mark Innis, 27, shares. As a community interest company, YADA is devoted to a variety of social causes to help those within the local community.

University of Derby graduate and YADA co-founder, Rhondell Stabana, 26, explains: "Not

only do we want to provide a social space free from the pressures of excessive drinking, but also, an environment where charities and local businesses can partner together. We currently host a number of inclusive community projects at the bar, including worship nights, poetry sessions. We have plenty of space for more to begin too, so if you have any ideas for a regular community event, please do get in touch, we'd love to have you involved."

Collaborating with emerging breweries, the alcohol-free bar offers customers a selection of appetising alcohol-free cocktails, spirits, wines and kombucha. Exclusive non-alcoholic beer is available on draught for drinkers to relish and savour.

At the beginning of the UK lockdown, the company set up an online store to give their customers easy access to their favourite non-alcoholic drinks, with the option of buying in bulk and having them delivered straight to their door at an affordable price.

To pay homage to the previously derelict building, the team have created a modern bar space fused with the classic and rustic character of the original venue. Located near the Becketwell Scheme, YADA is pleased to be part of the regeneration of Green Lane and surrounding areas in Derby.

The YADA team are excited to welcome local residents, university students and non/moderating-drinkers from across the UK. All of whom can look forward to vibrant, joyful, and headache-free social evenings every Friday and Saturday from 5 pm to 11 pm at YADA.

In the future, the directors hope to have branches of YADA's bar across the whole of the UK, providing alcohol-free alternatives for the wider community of non-drinkers. For more information on the game-changing bar visit <https://yadacollective.co.uk/> Follow @YADACollective on social media to stay updated on future events and projects or drop us an email if you want to get involved hello@yadacollective.co.uk.



Pictured are three of YADA's creative alcohol-free cocktails. Drinks that use alcohol-free spirits in place of their alcoholic counterparts to keep the taste, but without the headaches.

DERBY CITY DEANERY: SHARING THE GOSPEL



St Philips: Chaddesdon

**An emerging Ecclesial
community, serving Derby**

Revd Sarah Watson

I arrived at St Philips just before the pandemic to church plant as the enabling minister. The first and most important task is to see where God is already at work, to listen & pray. That was obviously challenging when I couldn't get out to see people.

In terms of an emerging ecclesial community a few people meet online & we began to establish a liturgical rhythm and a strong sense of community. That has proved to be very formative in what we are growing into, now we can meet in person. We now have a growing Sunday @ 10 cafe style church, with a focus on growing disciples, as we gather around Word and Sacrament.

What we are doing in Chaddesdon is not an experiment, it is Church, and is evolving as we grow and seek to listen, to both the context, and most importantly to God. What has been most encouraging is that we are seeing a real sense of fellowship form and our numbers are increasing as we welcome people from our local community, many of which have either not been part of church for years or have never been at all.

As well as growing the Sunday@10, we have focused on connecting with our wider community. I have a deep sense of our call as Anglican's, to be the church for the whole community, not just the congregation. Both life in all its fullness and the vision that all may flourish is both, embedded in the liturgy of the church plant, and in who we are seeking to be.

When the pandemic hit, I volunteered within the community and what developed was incredibly strong relational links with community partners. One thing that emerged was the lack of a community space or CAFE within the parish. I spent many hours in conversations with community partners and seeking funding in order to get a community CAFE off the ground. For many months, it felt like nothing was really happening, but I describe it as a time when the ground was being dug. Through generous funding from Derby Homes, the Co-op & other partners we had a grand opening of the community CAFE in December, with the place buzzing with community partners and local residents.

We launched to the community in January, opening the cafe on a Wednesday & Thursday 10.30-1 for coffee & an affordable lunch. We have pool and table tennis tables in the space, which is a place for many conversations! It has been an absolute delight to work with Derby Adult Learning & adults with learning disabilities, who run the CAFE on a Wednesday. We host a number of groups, including men's mental health & dementia groups, run by Derby County Community Trust, a grief CAFE and a menopause support group. After Easter, we will be hosting

a fortnightly debt clinic with Derby City Mission with financial backing from the Derwent community board.

We have also developed very strong links with Breadsall Hiltop Primary School, where I am a governor, and with St Andrews School. In the cafe will be displaying artwork from Breadsall Hiltop, to celebrate the work of some talented young people in our community.

We are continuing to grow and develop what we do, looking for signs of the kingdom and partnering with God in His mission in this place. The church community is both growing and fragile at the same time, though I take great heart from realising that the earliest Christian communities were similar. As well as our community that meets on a Sunday, we are beginning to meet for worship around the CAFE with morning prayer, a Lent group & Eucharists and we are excited for baptisms happening over Easter.

We would really value your prayer for wisdom of how to grow as we seek to see glimpses of the Kingdom of God. My prayer for the Church and the Cafe, is that they would be a place where all are welcome & none are left behind. A place where all flourish and experience life in all the fullness that Jesus brings.

St Philips is part of a wider fellowship of churches across this part of the city and I am particularly grateful for some wonderful colleagues and our partnering in the gospel together.

Rev Sarah Watson - Enabling Minister

DERBY CITY DEANERY: SHARING THE GOSPEL

(Not Really) Pioneering Easter in Derby's West End



It feels strange to write about 'pioneering' Easter. How can one 'pioneer' the celebration and remembrance of the single most significant moment in the history of the cosmos? This year, however, it is even stranger, because as I write this, there are personal priorities which seem to overshadow the greatest day in history; but this experience is not unique, and I'm sure many of you reading can relate.

Sent by St Alkmund's (Kedleston Road) in November 2020, we moved into The Mission House owned by, and just behind, St Anne's Church in Derby's West End. The estate is small, with just two ways in and out from the rabbit warren of just over 800 flats and homes. Flattened in the slum clearances of the 1950s and 60s, just the church, hall, and Mission House remained standing as council housing was built around them. With a community of Anglican Sisters living in the house, there was a persistent missional presence in the West End – indeed, I sometimes describe what we are doing there as being 'modern monks and nuns, just married with kids and without the uniform...'. As I wander around and speak to those living on the estate, Easter is indeed far from their minds (beyond perhaps the parents starting to think about chocolate). Their priorities range from caring for a relative, to antisocial behaviour, to utility bills about to skyrocket – again this is not unique to our context, and certainly not to our present day (sharing a privy with 100 other homes anyone?). So how do we 'do Easter' in the midst of this? What does the death and resurrection of the Son of God have to do with the mundanity and struggle of life in one of Derby's most persistently deprived communities?

As we build trust here, I have been struck by the sheer lack of hope amongst many I meet. One lady, who visits us to pray because 'I feel so good when you two pray for me', is caught in a cycle of addiction, where the very people who the world says should be the most supportive, are precisely the ones knocking her down. Others talk about taking the law into their own hands when the police are seen to be doing nothing, and young people are saying (I will never forget this conversation), 'It's too late for me, but it's good you're here cos you can help the younger ones.'

'Doing Easter' for us is about practicing the presence of God in this place, just as the Sisters began to do 150 years ago, listening to those around us, responding with love and hope as we are beginning to find we can. It is not about offering an alternative or, even worse, a mere distraction to the mundanity and the struggle, but meeting folk where they are so we may point towards Jesus who meets them in exactly the same place. Whether through word or deed, I invite you to do the same this year.

Spotlight: Modern Slavery

Modern Slavery update from Revd Rachael Brooks.

In summer 2021 I was appointed as Diocesan Lead for Modern Slavery to keep Bishop Libby informed of what's happening nationally and locally – both diocese-wide and in individual parishes. Essentially, I'm a holder of, and conduit for, information. I've been trying to identify what is currently being done on this issue in the diocese. As with many aspects of Church life, the pandemic has brought our attentiveness to modern slavery to a halt. I am keen to know what is happening across the diocese. Is there anything that you are doing? Please get in touch: rachael@stpeterlittleover.org.uk

I am working with two organisations:

1. The Derby and Derbyshire Modern Slavery Partnership.

This was set up following the Modern Slavery Act (2015) to link public services, charities and businesses so together they can more effectively spot modern slavery happening, to provide awareness training, and to enable support for victims and survivors once identified.

2. The Clewer Initiative

This was set up by Bishop Alastair Redfern as the Church of England's response to modern slavery nationally. Its focus is on raising awareness of modern slavery in our dioceses through education and national campaigns. They offer training and support.

Resources available from the Clewer Initiative:

National concerns.

Modern slavery has slipped down the political agenda and has been conflated with immigration concerns where it involves foreign nationals. The Clewer Initiative and General Synod have been highlighting the problems with the proposed changes to the Nationality and Borders Bill which will make it easier to return victims of modern slavery to their country of origin by limiting the time available to disclose that they've been enslaved.

This needs prayer.

NOTICEBOARD

The Garden of Tears

St Peter's In The City Church, Derby, DE1 1NN

14 & 15 April 2022

Watch & Pray

Thursday 14th April 2022 @ 6pm

An opportunity to share a simple meal of homemade soup together followed by **Breaking of Bread** with space to reflect and spend time in the **Garden of Tears**. Please book on the below email.

The Garden

14th & 15th April 2022 @ 10am - 3pm

Why not pause to **Be Still** in our Interactive Space?

Creatively explore themes of suffering, healing, beauty from brokenness, joy beyond pain, and life after death.

Special Events

Friday 15th April 2022 @ 10:30am

Join us in the **Garden of Tears** for a **United Good Friday service**.

All are welcome to stay for refreshments and hot cross buns after the service and to take time to visit the **Garden of Tears**.

Contact us with any queries:

office@stpetersderby.org.uk or 01332 360790



**Community Space
& Cafe**

Cafe Open

Wednesday & Thursday 10.30am-1pm

Wednesday affordable lunch available

Saturday Breakfast 10am-12 noon

2nd Saturday of the month- Derby County Community Trust

Monday

Sporting Memories
Derby County Community Trust &
Derbyshire Cricket Foundation
10am-12pm
1st Monday of the month

Tuesday

Toddler Group (Church Hall)
9.30-11.30am

Wednesday

Grief Cafe 1-3pm
1st Wednesday of each month

Menopause Support

10.30-11.30 am
2nd Wednesday of each month

Thursday

Derby County Community Trust
Team Talk Social 1-3pm
Men's Group with free lunch
www.derbycountycommunitytrust.com/programmes/health/team-talk

Craft Group (Church Hall) 1.30-3.30pm

Please see our website for new groups or any changes

www.stphilip.co.uk

Sunday @ 10 (weekly) Informal Cafe Church

with breakfast on the 1st Sunday of each month

Sunday Mass @ 11.30 (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of each month)

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