

Derby City Deanery NEWSLETTER

Winter 2022



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

From the Deanery Administrator Kelly Martin:

Dear friends,

Such a lot has happened since our last newsletter, from several changes in Prime Minister to the loss of our Queen, the break out of war and the beginning of a cost-of-living crisis. While these things bring with them a sense that so many things are going wrong, the onset of Advent brings with it a sense of hope, of stillness, waiting for the arrival of the Messiah, promised in ages past. As I write this, I am sat in Whitecross House just on the edge of the West End estate in Derby which is hosting a Winter Living Room. While the reason for needing such a space is a rather sad one, the conversations and atmosphere are filled with fun and laughter. People who ordinarily wouldn't see or speak to anyone today are finding company and friendship over a cup of coffee and a slice of cake, games are being played and art created. Out of darkness there is light. And so, I hope this newsletter finds you well, seeking the hope, peace and love that this Christmastide represents. I pray above all that you see the light in the darkness.



Blessings

Kelly

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

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I am very pleased that, after a long wait, I am able to announce that we have our new Area and Assistant Area Deans. In the next newsletter, you will be able to read a little more about them but for now I am delighted to announce that our new Area Dean is the wonderful Revd Sarah Watson, who is based at St Philips Church in Chaddesdon and our Assistant Area Dean is the brilliant Revd Mina Munns, who is based at St Alkmunds Church, Derby. I am sure you will all join me in wishing them both every blessing as they start out in their new roles.

DERBY CITY DEANERY: ROOTED IN PRAYER

A Prayer for Derby at Christmas: Revd Canon Peter Walley

Loving Lord Jesus,

We welcome Your presence this Christmastide.

Where we are anxious, please bring Your peace.

Where we are in despair, please give us hope.

Where we are feeling alone, draw near.

May Your kingdom come and may Your will be done

Through us and in our communities.

In Your Holy name we pray.

Amen

DERBY CITY DEANERY: ROOTED IN PRAYER

Creative Prayer Ideas for Christmas

Thank You Cards

An important theme of the Christmas season is Gratitude, to both thank those who maybe bless us with gifts, but even more importantly, thanking God for coming to earth as a baby.

What you need: card and anything you would like to use to decorate it. This could be pens, paint, tissue paper, glitter sequins, the list goes on and on.



What to do:

- ❖ Make a card by folding a piece of A4 card in half and decorate it in any way you would like.
- ❖ Open it out and write a message to God, thanking him for all the wonderful blessings you have this Christmas and for all He has done for you, remembering especially that this is the time of year we celebrate how Jesus came to earth as a tiny baby to be with us and to save us!

Chocolate Prayers

Let's face it, is it really Christmas if your house is not full to the brim with chocolate and sweets? Why not try praying while you stuff too much chocolate in your face, this could be a great activity for the family on Boxing Day.

What you need: A great big box of chocolates or sweets!

What to do:

- ❖ Get out your chocolates (or sweets) and split them into groups. For example, put all the Double Decker's together in one pile and all the Maltesers in another.
- ❖ Give each pile of choccies a topic to pray for, e.g. friends, family those in need etc.
- ❖ Then each time you take a chocolate or a sweet, pray for someone or something in that category!



DERBY CITY DEANERY: SERVING DERBY

Shoulder to Shoulder – Jon Hyde



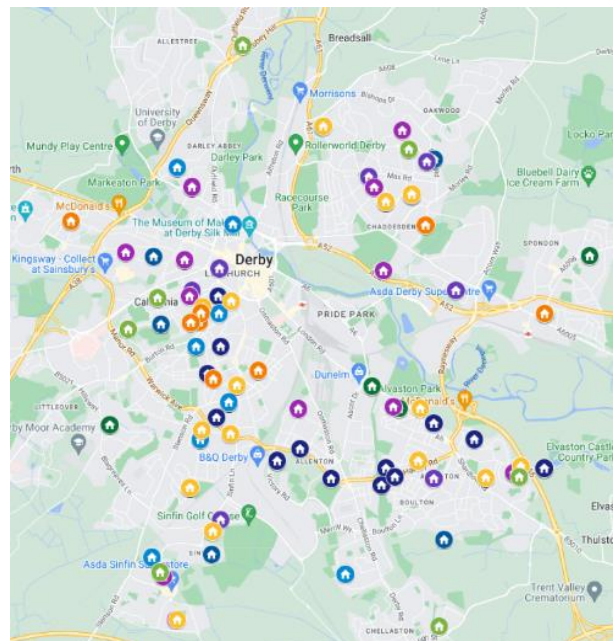
Nine years ago, a small team from St Alkmund's Church family, spent a Saturday helping a lady living on London Road with some gardening and house repairs. A simple act of kindness, to let her know that she was not forgotten. She loved it.

Since then, we have been working with Derby City Council Local Area Co-ordinators to repeat this across Derby, helping people rebuild their lives.

Our volunteer men and women come from many Derby churches and wider friends, and over the last 9 years have invested thousands of hours loving our neighbours in simple, practical ways.

We've improved security by reconstructing garden fences/gates, mending doors and windows, and tidying front gardens. We've created space to enjoy gardens by clearing brambles, trees, bushes, cutting grass, tidying. We've improved living rooms by wall papering and painting. And we get a plentiful supply of cobs and cake from our lunch angels to fuel our work ☺.

The best bit is that the Local Area Co-ordinators have told us the rest of the story... our input has changed lives in the long term.





"Thanks to you and your team for the fantastic work you have done for my resident in Allestree, it's made a huge difference to her and will give her the best opportunity to move forward in life". Local Area Coordinator, Derby City Council.

What we do is often the trigger that helps someone turn their life around; families and neighbours start getting involved again, the council can start investing in property, people start engaging with their families and local community.

"I can't believe such a simple thing can have such a massive effect... a magnificent team ... tackled the arduous tasks ... with determined enthusiasm ... our appreciation and gratitude are boundless". Local Area Coordinator, Derby City Council.

We are looking for new volunteers to join us every 2nd Saturday each month, from April to September. A typical days' work might include digging, clearing, building, decorating, burning, tidying, getting wet (it can rain, a lot), lots of visits to the tip, and plenty of banter.

Do you want to be part of this story? No skills required, just enthusiasm to get stuck in (you can learn on the job). Prayers and listeners welcome to befriend our clients, lunch angels needed to provide vital sustenance. Contact us to get on the mailing list and help us prepare for work ahead.

Contact Jon Hyde, Email S2S@StAlkmunds.org.uk, Facebook: Shoulder 2 Shoulder

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St Barnabas

St Barnabas is located near the Morley estate, set back behind Ashbourne Road and very close to the A38. Our parishes housing is quite mixed, consisting of quite a lot of social housing, some owner occupied and many private houses to let. In years past there was quite a large number of students living in the community but as the University has built and developed more halls of residence, this number has decreased.

A team of people from our church community give up their time and go out litter picking once a month. This idea developed in lockdown as a way to be of service to the community around us. We also collect food for Derby City Mission Foodbank

The church building itself hosts a variety of events throughout the week for our local area. On the first Wednesday afternoon of each month from 2-4pm there is an Open-Door afternoon that all in the community are invited to. They are invited to have a hot drink and there are cakes and biscuits served and have a chat. This coffee afternoon arose from a bereavement support group and is open to anyone that feels lonely and would like some company and there is a possibility that it may develop further and become a warm space.

We also run a parent toddler group which started a year ago. This runs on a Thursday morning between 9.30 and 11.30am during term time in the church hall. This is open to anyone who has or looks after little children and babies.

For our primary school aged children there is an after-school children's club called FAB which takes place on a Friday evening during term time from 5.15-6.45pm. Before lockdown we also ran a popular Messy Church that we hope to reopen in the new year.

We are always open to ways of serving our community.

Elizabeth Lunn.

DERBY CITY DEANERY: SHARING THE GOSPEL

Youth work in Derby City – Revd Aiden Watson

Youth ministry in the Deanery, the Youth Council and our Strategic Youth Lead.



Many of you will have met me by now, but if you haven't, I'm Rev. Aidan Watson and since September I have been in post as the Strategic Lead for Youth Ministry for Derby Diocese. After completing my curacy in Bristol Diocese, we moved to Derby in the summer for my wife Cathie Watson to start as one of the Church Planting Curates at St Werburgh's in the

City Centre. This role really appealed to me as I have a background in youth and student ministry prior to ordination, something that I have maintained throughout my training and curacy. I am particularly passionate about seeing the church, both its leadership and members, equipped to share our faith with younger generations and likewise have our faith stirred and encouraged by young people.

It has been great to see how much of this is already taking place across the Diocese and the Deanery. A recent highlight was when, at Diocesan Synod, the Diocesan Youth Council gave a presentation encouraging Synod and the Church to listen to and involve young people. They stressed that young people are as much the church of now as they are the church of the future and want to play their part in growing the church across the generations. +Libby then proposed, and it was voted on unanimously, to co-opt member(s) of the youth council onto synod, in order to keep growing younger on the agenda. However, many of the current youth council members are "ageing out" so with Ben Martin who chairs the council, we are looking to recruit new young people from across the diocese who want to have their voice heard in shaping our vision and strategy for growing younger.

This aim to grow younger echoes the national church goal to double numbers of young disciples by 2030. Whilst acknowledging the difficulty of this, this goal is certainly achievable and across the diocese and especially across Derby city I am almost daily being encouraged that young people of today are spiritually open. Especially amongst the younger generations there is a hunger and a thirst for something more than us, especially in the times of uncertainty that we live in. Youth workers across denominations in the city are finding doors that have previously been shut opening, especially with our secondary schools. Within this we are developing a network of youth and children's ministers, both paid and volunteer, laity and clergy, to support one another but also to work together to share the kingdom of God that is good news for all, including young people.

Please do be praying for our young people, our youth workers and please do ask God to reveal to you how you and your church community can be kingdom bringers to and with young people so that they might have the opportunity to share in the life transforming, church growing, community building good news that Jesus brings.

If you are exploring how to, or already are ministering to and with young people, please do get in touch with me by emailing aidan.watson@derby.anglican.org

DERBY CITY DEANERY: SHARING THE GOSPEL

Debbie Patrick, Deputy Warden of Readers



Tell us a little bit about yourself.

Hello there, my name is Debbie Patrick. I worship at St Peters in Hartsthorne, which is in South Derbyshire. My husband Jeff and I have worshipped there for about 25 years. Before that, we lived in Australia, where two of our three boys were born, our third was born not long after moving back from England.

I have been an active member of the church for most of that time; being on the leadership team for the Youth Group and Little Sparks (our Parent and Toddler group). On Sundays I am sometimes playing

guitar and singing in the worship group or preaching or leading the worship... so quite varied! The term 'Jack of all Trades' comes to mind but hey ho! I was licenced in February this year.

To relax, Jeff and I love to walk and camp, we also have a Canadian canoe which we take out sometimes. So long as we are enjoying the countryside of this amazing country, we are happy. When at home I relax with a good book or movie, or I'm in my shed, lino printing.

What does Warden of Readers do?

As the (now called) Archdeaconry Deputy Warden of Readers, I pastorally support Licensed Lay Ministers across Derby City and South Derbyshire Archdeaconry. I also work with the Warden of Readers (which for the time being is Matt Barnes) and Fiona Bennet, to think strategically about the ministerial offers in Parishes. I am also here to support the ongoing training and development of LLM's and will be working on improving the networking of LLM's across the Archdeaconry.

I have two counterparts: Rachel Hobbs – East Derbyshire Archdeaconry and Kate Gee – Derbyshire Peaks and Dales Archdeaconry. As well as working regionally, we have special concerns that we have been asked to focus on; mine being newly licensed folk. Kate is focusing on PTO's and Rachel is focusing on everything in-between.

What are you excited about with this role?

I am so excited that God calls His people into partnership with Him; be that as Laity, Licensed or Ordained Ministers... all are called, and all are partners in His kingdom.

By being given this opportunity to come along my fellow Licensed Lay Ministers, I am given the opportunity to champion their ministry in whatever setting they are called to. I have the great privilege to walk alongside folk as they navigate their calling and walk out into their ministry. I am especially excited about the opportunity to come alongside newly licensed LLM's.

I am new to this role, but I really hope to be able to be a part of offering new LLM's the support and structure they may well be looking for, after their licensing, be that in further development opportunities or through prayer and encouragement. I remember, after my licensing, feeling a little like I did as a new mum, being told by the midwife that I could go home now... 'What??? You are trusting me to be able to look after this new baby?!? Are you sure I'm I'm capable?' I needed to get on with it and I had never been well trained to do that...but to have someone I could call on whenever I felt out of my depth would have been amazing... I hope I can be the person for our Newly licensed folk.

What are your plans for 2023? How can we pray for you?

As well as continuing to develop my own ministry, I am hoping to work with the Mission and Ministry Team and encourage folk to engage with the opportunities there are to continue their learning. I will be gathering together the package of provision and get more involved in signposting people to what is already available. I will also be listening out for needs that folk don't feel are being met right now... how would LLM's like to be better supported? Basically, how can I help you to serve God in your communities?

Please pray that I am effective in all that I have said that I am doing and would like to do in the future. This role is new for me, please pray that I learn quickly and make a positive impact for my fellow Readers.

SPOTLIGHT: GAIA

Gaia,

art installation,

spiritual experience,

message to the world about the world,

a chance to see things differently, a new perspective.

I saw Gaia three times, once at the Greenbelt Festival suspended in the forest, and twice in Derby Cathedral both in daylight and at night. The music, lighting and soundtrack all combined with the giant revolving planet to create a thought provoking, immersive, breath-taking encounter.

Viewed from underneath, the Northern hemisphere was almost invisible but Africa, South America and Australia were the dominant land masses separated by vast expanses of ocean. Europe and North America, Russia and China were almost hidden from view, only becoming visible from the balcony.

From this perspective I became aware of my own smallness, my seeming insignificance and the words of Hebrews 2:6 "What makes you care about us humans?" came to mind. Yet, tiny as I may be this planet needs me "to take care of it and to look after it." (Genesis 2:15). While we may feel small and insignificant, God has entrusted it into our care.

Many photos were taken of people with raised hands appearing to hold the earth reminding me that **we've** 'got the whole world in **our** hands'.

Maybe the installation of the planet
in a place of worship is a visual sermon.

Maybe care for our planet is
an integral part of our worship.

Judith Twani



NOTICEBOARD

Events around Derby City this Christmas



Join us this
Christmas

11th December at 10am - Toy Service

(Bring a new toy for local families in need)

11th December at 3pm - Carols and Nativity in the Park

(with Mince Pies and Mulled wine - come dressed as a nativity character!)

18th December at 10am - Nine Lessons and Carols

24th December at 11.30pm - Midnight Holy Communion

25th December at 10am - Christmas Day

(Bring an unopened gift to open together)

Follow The Star
THE GREAT INVITATION

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Sinfin Moor Park
Carols and Nativity
in the Park

Sunday 11th December 3pm to 4pm

Mince pies and Mulled Wine
Come dressed as a Nativity character
Hosted by Sinfin Moor Church
and the Friends of Sinfin Moor Park and Nature Reserve
with special guests Singfin Choir

CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON JESUS

Donate

'Christmas Lunch on Jesus'
Derby and Kolkata

This year, we will once again be providing Christmas lunch to families and individuals on a low income who would otherwise be unable to afford a Christmas meal. Volunteers will deliver Christmas Cards that include a supermarket voucher so that recipients can buy food for Christmas lunch.

To celebrate the link between Derby and Kolkata Cathedral and City Churches, we're also partnering with friends there to provide Christmas boxes for some of the poorest people in Kolkata's slums, containing rice, lentils, dhal, biscuits and sweets.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!
Please consider sponsoring a Christmas meal for a family in Kolkata and Derby for £30 or give whatever you can afford. You can make cheques payable to St Peter's Derby (please write 'Christmas Lunch on Jesus' on the back) and send to: Christmas Lunch on Jesus, c/o St Peter's in the City, St Peter's Street, Derby, DE1 1SN, visit: www.stpetersderby.org.uk to donate online, or use the QR code above.

We would love help to hand deliver the cards and vouchers around Derby on the morning of Saturday 10th December. If you're able to help, please get in touch: cljproject@gmail.com or 07980 137229.

Supported by Derby City Centre Churches
Please help us to help as many people as we can this year.

Winter living Room

A place to relax and keep warm at zero cost!

Every Wednesday
(from 9th Nov)
10am - 3pm

Location:
Whitecross House
Community Room

Free!

All Welcome

- Warm space
- Hot drinks
- Toast and cakes
- Games and jigsaws
- Conversation & Activities
- Advice signposting

A 'Warm Welcome' partnership between The Mission House, West End Community Centre, West End Brews, Darley Neighbourhood Board, St Alkmund's Church, St Anne's Church, Derby Homes

St John the Evangelist, Mill /Bridge Street Events through December**December 2022**

2nd - Christmas Tree Festival Concert with Derventio Choir 7.30pm

Tickets on the door £8.00

3rd - Christmas Tree Festival 10 - 4.00 Come and see the decorated trees on display - refreshments on sale. Quiz sheets and prizes. free entry/ donations
Santa and his elf will be there between 2.00pm and 4.00pm .

4th - 9.45am Eucharist with Children's Church - new members always welcome

12 noon- 4.00pm Trees on display refreshments on sale

5th - 10.00-1.00pm Final chance to see all the trees on display. Refreshments on sale

10th - Derby Bach Choir. Tickets at door

19th - 7.30pm The Sitwells Concert. Tickets at door

21st - 12.30 pm Come Carol-singing round the piano with mince pies and coffee. All welcome

24th - Christmas Eve 6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

25th - Christmas day 10.00am Family Eucharist

Why not join us in term time on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 10.30-2.30pm when we have our Welcome Cafe open in the social room. We offer you a warm space, a friendly welcome and quality, nourishing food at low prices run by the young people of Derby College, Broomfield site. Everyone is welcome.

Why not enjoy a quiet time sitting on our benches in our garden (Green Space)

We are here for you.!

Events at St Edmund, Allestree and St Matthew, Darley Abbey



St Matthew
DARLEY ABBEY

The Parishes of St Edmund, Allestree
and St Matthew, Darley Abbey



There will be a
10 am service every
Sunday in December

Morning Prayer on 4
December, Christingle
on 18 December,
Holy Communion on
11 and 25 December



Evensong at
6 pm on 4 and
Carols on 18
December

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Voices Echoes!

'Voices' - The City of Derby Girls Choir -
singers past and present
join together to celebrate Christmas,
the best way:

by singing!



Sunday 4th December

3:30pm - 4:30pm
(Doors open 3:15pm)

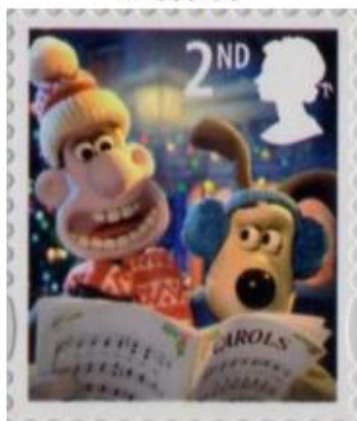
St Edmund's Church, Allestree, DE22 2FN

Tickets - £5 on the door, cash only please.
Under 16s free

Proceeds go to Centrepont charity



The Parish of St Edmund
Allestree



Wednesday 14 December
6.30 pm
Carols in the Churchyard

bring a lantern or a torch -
refreshments in church
afterwards

All welcome



The Parish of St Edmund
Allestree



Christingle



Sunday 18 December
10 am, All Age Worship
a celebration of light as we
prepare for Christmas,
followed by refreshments in
the Church Hall

In the evening, at 6 pm, we have the
traditional Carol Service sung by the
Church Choir

All welcome



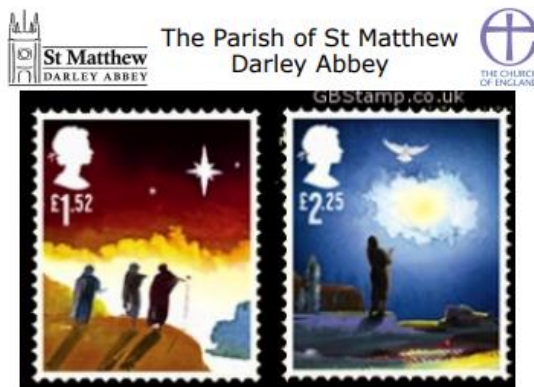
Sunday 18 December

10 am, Christingle

6 pm, Carol Service

The traditional service of
Lessons and Carols,
led by the church choir

All welcome



Sunday 18 December

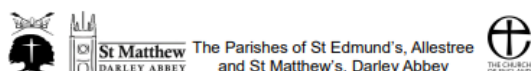
10 am,

Carol Service

The traditional service of Lessons and Carols
with music from the church choir,
followed by refreshments

6 pm, Carol Service at St Edmund's

All welcome



Christmas Eve
Saturday 24 December

2.30 and 4 pm
Crib Services
at St Edmund's

5.30 pm
Crib Service
at St Matthew's

11.30 pm
Midnight Mass
at St Matthew's

Christmas Day
Sunday 25 December

10 am - Family Communion services
at both churches

All welcome

Christmas at St. Alkmund's

4th Dec 2.30pm • Advent Muddy Church
(meet outside Derby Rowing Club,
Darley Park, DE1 3FB)

11th Dec 10am • Christingle Service

18th Dec 7pm • Carol Service

22nd Dec 7.30pm • Blue Christmas Service
(an opportunity to remember those we have lost)

24th Dec 3pm • Crib Service

24th Dec 11.15pm • Midnight Communion
(hosted at St Paul's, Chester Green, DE1 3QZ. Please
note the start time of 11.15pm)

25th Dec 10am • Christmas Day Celebration

