

# Derby City Deanery NEWSLETTER

Summer 2023



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



**From Assistant Area Dean, Revd Mina Munns;**

Hello everyone! I'm Mina and I'm working alongside Sarah as Assistant Area Dean. I'm currently vicar of St Alkmund's in Derby and about to also be Priest in Charge of St John the Evangelist on Mill Street, Derby. I'm really looking forward to working with a rich mixture of traditions and a real diversity of communities. My previous roles have been in fairly deprived ex-mining communities- first as a curate in Southwell and Nottingham and then as a pioneer minister and priest in charge on the Northumberland coast. I love helping churches to develop vision and I'm a certified Lego Serious Play facilitator, so if you fancy a vision workshop with Lego, let me know! I'm really interested in wellbeing and am currently training for a coaching accreditation with 3D coaching. Sarah and I are really excited to see how we can move forward as a deanery and we'd love your input about how we can energise our congregations to transform lives, grow church and build community in our parishes.

## DEANERY ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICES:

*Kelly Martin, Deanery Administrator: [kelly.martin@derby.anglican.org](mailto:kelly.martin@derby.anglican.org)*

### Upcoming Deanery Synods

**7pm for a 7.30 start.**

Thursday 28th September – St Giles Church, Normanton

Tuesday 21st Nov – Alvaston Parish Church

### Deadline for Newsletter Articles

15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Clergy Chapter

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> - St Francis 12-1.30pm

Oct – Clergy Conference

Nov 16<sup>th</sup> - Advent Quiet Morning Derby Cathedral 10am-1pm

Take the chance to slow down before the Advent rush and join us for a pre-Advent quiet morning in the Cathedral. We welcome Becky Allen, the Bishop's Chaplain in Birmingham Diocese, who will lead us through the morning.

Dec 5<sup>th</sup> – 9-10.30am Breakfast Social @ St Philip's

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE DEANERY:



### Shoulder 2 Shoulder

In a previous edition of the Deanery newsletter, there was a great article about this brilliant initiative that sets out to help people in need in the deanery practically. From painting/decorating to Gardening and clearing rubbish, this group aims to make a real difference in people's lives around Derby City. If you would like to get involved, please email: [s2s@stalkmunds.org.uk](mailto:s2s@stalkmunds.org.uk)

### Shoulder to Shoulder dates 2023:

12 August

9 September

14 October

## St Anne's Patronal Festival

Wednesday 26th July 2023, 1900.

High Mass with Celebrant and Preacher the Rt Revd Paul Thomas, Bishop of Oswestry.

Traditional liturgy and music. Light refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

Visiting clergy are invited to robe and sit in choir - though please do give advance notice if coming so that we can organise the seating.

Further details Fr Giles Orton: 07768 827101 [frgilesorton@fastmail.fm](mailto:frgilesorton@fastmail.fm)



## Holy Land Social Evening

Monday 14th August 2023, 1900. The Crypt Chapel at St Luke's, Parliament Street, DE22 3RT

Talk (with slides) about the Holy Land by David Hudson of Holy Trinity Ilkeston and Fr Giles Orton of St

Anne's, followed by refreshments. This informal evening will be promoting the pilgrimage being organised for 11 - 20 May 2024 which is open to all, though will also be worthwhile for anyone who would like to share reminiscences of past pilgrimages or who is interested in the Holy Land as it is today.



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## DERBY CITY DEANERY: ROOTED IN PRAYER

Prayers for our new Church Wardens



On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June we had our Archdeacon's Visitation Service at St Philips, Chaddesden. This was led by the Venerable Matthew Trick, Archdeacon of Derby City and South Derbyshire, during which the Church Wardens from all over the Deanery came to take on their new role publicly and officially for the year. It was quite wonderful watching all these people dedicate a year of their lives to their churches. Many thanks should be given to the wonderful Cathy Luffman, for all her hard work behind the scenes and to St Philips for hosting us all this year.

### The Vision Prayer

**All 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**



## DERBY CITY DEANERY: SERVING DERBY

### Community Hero – Anne Sherwood!

Anne Sherwood, church warden at St Philip's Chaddesden has received the "Community Hero Award" at the Derby Volunteer Awards on Thursday, 1 June 2023.

She received the award for her tireless work each week as the church warden and chief caterer at St Philip's, and community shop volunteer at the Aspire Community Alliance at St Marks Derby.

Anne is a key part of the church community. You can find her providing meals and caring for the those who visit the community café on Thursdays, serving breakfasts on one Saturday each month, supporting school events, running toddler and craft groups and assisting other groups who use the space and need a hand, such as Derby County Community Trust and Derby Adult Learning Service.

She pours her heart and soul into the community and without her so much would cease to function.

Anne said, "I am so pleased to accept the award and share it with my colleagues in Aspire (St Mark's) and at St Philip's. Five hundred years ago, St Teresa of Avila wrote, 'Christ has no body on earth but yours.' and so challenged Christians to demonstrate God's love through personal service to others. Volunteering provides opportunities to pay back a lifetime of blessings, but it is certainly not one-sided. It's a social experience working alongside others and supporting each other to achieve results. Volunteering can be FUN. – Try it!"



Revd Sarah Watson, Area Dean for Derby City Deanery and Enabling Minister for St Philip's Chaddesden, said "I am absolutely delighted that Anne has won this award. She really is an unsung hero who gives so much to this community as an outworking of her faith in Jesus. In her acceptance speech she spoke of the teams she works with; this is a real example of the Body of Christ in action, all playing their part in seeing lives transformed and touched by the Kingdom of God".

The event took place during [Volunteers Week 2023](#) and was presented by [Community Action Derby](#) and [Derby Volunteer Centre](#) in

partnership with Derby Homes.

## **DERBY CITY DEANERY: SHARING THE GOSPEL**

### **The Greenhouse Initiative – Revd Jason Kennedy**

The phrase ‘Fresh Expressions of Church’ is quite common today. But what are Fresh Expressions and how do we support them in the Diocese of Derby?

A Fresh Expression is just a new local Christian worshipping community that’s going about being church in new ways. Every Fresh Expression is missional, sharing the Good News of Jesus with those outside themselves; contextual, shaped and suited for and with the communities they serve; formational, helping people to grow in Christian faith; and ecclesial, a true expression of church, rather than an additional group or service attached to an existing church or a way to funnel people into ‘proper’ church.

With ever-changing centres of population, there are many new and existing communities and estates without a local church in them, even when there is a church, it may not be one that fits the culture of that place. Different sorts of people need different sorts of churches. Fresh Expressions are a great way of reaching these communities.

However, starting churches in new ways isn’t easy. Just like new plants, they are vulnerable, and need a little extra support. So, the Diocese of Derby has joined the National Church of England programme called Greenhouse, which is designed to help nurture and strengthen young Fresh Expressions through supporting their teams of leaders.

We are developing Greenhouses in each deanery, supported by local enablers. Each Greenhouse brings together leaders from local Fresh Expressions to learn and pray together, support and encourage one another. The national Church provides excellent resource material in accessible formats, designed by those with long experience in developing Fresh Expressions.

This Fresh Expressions aren’t for your church? All it takes is two or three people with a heart for a community and a desire to share the love of Jesus with them. You don’t need to be an expert or have lots of money and resources. You can even get together with other local churches to start one.

If you’re running a Fresh Expression or thinking of doing so, get in touch and we can link you with someone who can help. Simply email [greenhouse@derby.anglican.org](mailto:greenhouse@derby.anglican.org)

telling us where you are and what you're interested in doing, and someone will be in touch.

In Derby, the Greenhouse core team is, Revd Paul Desborough, Ben Martin, Revd Patrick Douglas and Stella Greenwood



**Saturday 5th August**  
**10am - 12**  
(option to bring lunch till 1)  
**at the Slaney Centre,**  
**DE24 8LS**

RSVP by 31st July to  
[Paul.Desborough@derby.anglican.org](mailto:Paul.Desborough@derby.anglican.org)

***A time for Fresh Expressions of Church  
across Derby to  
talk - share - inspire - encourage  
and pray together***



## NOTICEBOARD

### Derby Faith Alliance

#### About the Multi Faith Centre

The Multi-Faith Centre at the University of Derby exists to build respect between people across different faiths and cultures. We have created a strong network of contacts in faith communities and with key public and voluntary organisations and developed a range of training and community projects with these partners. More recently, the Centre has recognised that it can play an important role as a connecting bridge between faith communities and civil society. It is an opportunity for the Centre to use its existing network and experience to forge a stronger strategic purpose and have a wider positive impact on local communities.



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#### Derby Faith Alliance



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We are working with Derby Cathedral and other faith partners to build a Derby Faith Alliance so that support and funding can flow more readily to faith communities and their neighbourhoods. To support this process, we are currently interviewing local faith leaders and key figures in the faith communities and would very much like to hear from you if you are involved in ministry, to help build a fuller picture. If you would like to be part of the faith alliance and are willing to be interviewed by the Faith Community Development Team, please email us at [faithcommunities@derby.ac.uk](mailto:faithcommunities@derby.ac.uk).

**For further information about the Faith Alliance please read the attached document or visit [[http://xn--mfc13262-](http://xn--mfc13262-3%20mfc%20%206pp%20community%20dev%20leaflet%20design%20working%20v19-bk53c.indd%20%28multifaithcentre.org%29/)**

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## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Deadline for the next issue:** 15<sup>th</sup> September to be available in October (covering autumn activities, into Christmas). **Items to:** [kelly.martin@derby.anglican.org](mailto:kelly.martin@derby.anglican.org).

27 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	<b>7pm Revd Mina Munns Licensing to St John the Evangelist</b>	St John the Evangelist, Mill Street, DE1 3HZ
5 <sup>th</sup> August 2023	<b>10am-12pm Greenhouse Meet up</b>	The Slaney Centre, DE24 8LS
14 <sup>th</sup> August 2023	<b>7pm Holy Land Social Evening</b>	The Crypt Chapel at St Luke's, Parliament Street, DE22 3RT
28 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	<b>7.30pm Deanery Synod</b>	St Giles Church, Normanton-by-Derby