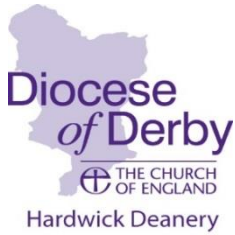


Hardwick Deanery Newsletter- Winter 2018



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Winter Edition of the Hardwick Deanery Newsletter. It has been put together by our new Deanery Administrator Ailsa Cooling. She is a great asset to the Deanery and is available on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Deanery office. She can be contacted on 07450 700841 and by email at Ailsa.Cooling@derby.anglican.org.

Our previous administrator Elin Heron has begun work as a peripatetic music teacher. We wish her well in this new venture and thank her for all her efforts and hard work for the Deanery.

On 1st September Hardwick became a legal Deanery. At the Synod meeting on 16th October time was spent considering our priorities for 2019. If you have any constructive thoughts on this do please contact me.

The interviews for our new Diocesan Bishop have been held and an appointment has been made, though the announcement will not be made for some months. Please continue to pray for our new Bishop and also Bishop Jan as she keeps everything going.

Our next newsletter will be in March. Please send your events and news items to Ailsa by the middle of February.

Until then may I wish you a very Blessed Christmas and New Year.

Gill Manley (*Area Dean*)



Follow the Star is a pocket-sized booklet of 14 daily reflections and simple prayers for each day from Christmas Eve throughout the 12 days of Christmas ending with Epiphany on 6th January.

We pray this booklet offers a path for your journey closer to Jesus – and we wish you every blessing this Christmas.

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St Luke's Whaley Thorns

Welcome from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York

For many of us, Christmas brings up so many emotions, memories and expectations. We have one nativity story, but it can seem like we all have very different Christmases.

For you it might be a time of joy and togetherness. Or perhaps it's all about planning and to-do lists.

Many others can find it a sad and lonely time – nagged by the feeling that your Christmas is not like those 'perfect' ones we see in the media. But just like the unexpected assortment of people who were invited to meet the baby Jesus, #FollowTheStar doesn't ask you to be perfect.

It says: come just as you are to take the life-changing Christmas journey. You are welcome. You are deeply known and truly loved.

Archbishops Justin Welby & John Sentamu

Meet the Archdeacon – The Venerable Carol Coslett



*“Over hill, over dale, Through bush, through brier, Over park, over pale,
Through flood, through fog, I do wander everywhere”,
(Apol: Shakespeare A Midsummer Night’s Dream)*

Well what a welcome you have given me, and we feel very settled now in Chesterfield. Since our arrival in March, I have been getting around, not just in Derby Church house, but travelling around the Derbyshire peaks.

I have already become accustomed to the A6, the Roman roads for a cut through, the windy road around Crich, a very foggy road from Buxton and the A38 via Lickpenny Caravan park! I’m wondering what that will like in the tourist season?

Mileage on the car has increased dramatically adding over 3000 miles to the clock! It has been great to see the landscape and visit some of the churches, which all have their little bit of history and communities who tell their own story. It’s not all been car though. Fudge, our Dog, has enjoyed exploring the woodlands, fantastic bluebell woods on walks around Linacre reservoirs, Curbar Ridge, Chatsworth and Longshaw too.

So, what of the role of an Archdeacon? Coming into a new diocese inevitably has meant that I have been getting used to the structures, the different committees, finding out about some of the challenges and expectations that the diocese has for sustainable ministry for future generations. I have had discussions on strategic buildings review, the common fund, deployment, leadership and future mission planning for the deaneries to name just a few.

Bishop Alastair also asked me to take on a role for the Board of Education, so I will be working closely with David Channon the Director of Education. Through our schools we have a wonderful opportunity to make Christ known in our communities, both for pupils and to parents. I passionately believe that every parish church should in some way be engaged with their local school whether church or state.

One of the greatest privileges as an Archdeacon is that you get invited to attend or take special services for all different occasions and in different places. So I have been asked to preach at Sunday services, civic services, a marriage blessing, opening a church fete, attend a county show, and lead a graduation celebration! Do please keep the invitations coming!

Over the next few months as I get to know you more, I hope we can work together and (as said at the visitations) “Encourage one another and Build one another up”.

***In the bleak mid-winter, Frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron, Water like a stone;***





Rev Jill Hancock

Hi my name is Jill Hancock and I am the new Assistant Curate working with the East Scarsdale Team Ministry. I am married to Dave and we have 2 daughters, Sally who is married and Olivia who has just returned from university. Prior to theological training, I worked for the NHS as a Community Nursing Auxiliary in Clay cross. My work as a nurse opened my eyes to life, life at its beginning, life in its fullness, in its messiness and life at its end. It was during this time that I felt called to some sort of ministry. In 2007 I trained as a Church Army Evangelist and spent 9 years in Fresh Expressions, ministering to the vulnerable and marginalised in deprived and fractured communities. Even though I enjoyed this work I felt God calling me into a different direction, so in 2016 I was given the opportunity to train for Ordained ministry at The College of the Resurrection in Mirfield.



Although the church tradition at Mirfield is very different to my own, I thoroughly enjoyed my training and feel it has enriched my relationship with God and provided me with a more rounded understanding of the Gospel. I am very much looking forward to getting to know the Deanery team in the months ahead and feel privileged to be part of it.

Hello, my name is Ailsa Cooling and I am the new administrator for the Hardwick Deanery. I'm from Alfreton and I still live there having returned after university. I spent many years working for the Post Office in a variety of roles and in more recent years I've worked at Derbyshire County Council, including some time spent working in schools which I enjoyed. I have two much loved Godchildren; Peter who is living and working in Australia and Bryony who is studying at the University of East Anglia. In my spare time I like to garden, albeit badly, but I see the neverending war against the weeds and an old pigsty as a personal challenge – the pigsty was a garden feature during the Second World War.



Unfortunately when it was knocked down rather than being taken away it was buried under a foot of topsoil. Still, I've dug enough bricks out of the garden over the years to build a rockery and an eight foot square 12 inch deep base for the shed so every cloud and all that. When I'm not digging I love to travel and I enjoy all kinds of craft activities, cooking, baking, reading a good book and recapturing my mis-spent youth at concerts by bands who are old enough to know that what looked good at 30 doesn't cut it at 60 (with the exception of Bryan Ferry)!

PS. My first attempt at a 'selfie' does not do me justice!



Remembrance 2018



Above is just one of the displays in Bolsover Parish Church. The poppies are a few of the thousands that members of the Congregation and the local community have been knitting, sewing and crocheting for many weeks. These are going to be used to create displays around the Church and the Pulpit as an Act of Remembrance for those who died in the 2 World Wars. The local schools are planning to produce their own displays on the window ledges around the Church.

In addition to these displays around the church are displays of stories, facts and artefacts that local people have produced in remembrance of their relatives who either did not return home or survived the atrocities. The Church has recently been awarded 10 of the Tommy Silhouettes for the pews, which will be placed around the Church.

Please do come along and see the displays. Everyone welcome.



The Harvest with 'Wheel' Appeal

During this year's Harvest period the churches of the United Benefice of Morton, Stonebroom and Shirland responded wonderfully to an appeal to buy a special mobility scooter for a member of the local community with a degenerative respiratory condition who had hardly been out of the house all year and who was only able to walk a few meters.

Father Chris Andrew said of the appeal: 'The speed of the response was stunning! The scooter has now been purchased, together with an all-weather cover and a year's insurance'.

The letter from the recipient says it all.

Dear Reverend

I find writing this letter difficult as I am truly lost for words. I refer to the generosity and sheer kindness of your congregations for my mobility scooter. This will, and has already, made such a difference to my quality of life as before I was house bound, and this has enabled me to get out and about every day. I am going to and seeing places that I've not seen or been to for such a long time. As you know, before I was limited to walking maybe fifteen meters so again I offer my heartfelt thanks to all involved. They have brightened my day not just today but every day to come. Thank you again.

Yours and God bless

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Looking for a Christmas event?

Look no further.....

Events and Activities around the Deanery

Holy Cross, Morton – Christmas Fair

Saturday 24th November 11am – 3pm in the village hall. Traditional Christmas Fair.

St Werburgh's, Blackwell – Christmas Fair

Saturday 24th November 10am in the Newton Community Centre.

Christ Church, Ironville – Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 1st December and Sunday 2nd December 10am – 4pm tree festival and bazaar.

St James, Riddings – Advent Fayre

Saturday 1st December 11am – 4pm visit the church for refreshments, stalls, games, and the Grand Prize Draw at 3.30pm.

St Mary and St Laurence, Bolsover – Scarecrow Festival 'Nursery Rhymes'

Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd December 11am – 4pm visit the church to see scarecrows dressed up as all your favourite nursery rhyme characters. Refreshments served throughout the day.

St Mary and St Laurence, Bolsover – Winter Festival

Saturday 1st December 10am – 4pm a winter festival in Bolsover with stalls and entertainment throughout the day with a lantern parade through Bolsover leaving the castle after dark.

St John the Baptist, Tibshelf – Toy Service

Sunday 2nd December 11am there will be a special service where gifts of new toys can be donated to give to those children in need in the local community at Christmas.

St Martins, Alfreton – Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 8th December 10.30am – 4pm Christmas tree festival.

St Helen's Church, Pinxton – Christingle

Sunday 9th December 3pm make your own Christingle orange. We provide the wherewithal, you do the assembly. All donations received will go to the Children's Society.

St Martins, Alfreton – Christmas Tree Festival and Carol Service

Sunday 9th December 11.30am – 4pm Christmas tree festival followed by a carol service at 4.30pm.

St Martins, Alfreton – Christmas Tree Festival

Monday 10th December 10am – 3pm Christmas tree festival.

St Helen's Church, Pinxton – Pye Hill Male Voice Choir

Saturday 15th December 7.30pm. Tickets are £6 including refreshments.

St James, Riddings – The Three M's

Sunday 16th December 11.30am, we will be celebrating the M's – music, mulled wine and mince pies.

St John the Baptist, Tibshelf – Christingle

Sunday 16th December 11am there will be a Christingle service in the church.

St Werburgh's Blackwell – Carol Service

Sunday 16th December 4pm traditional carol service.

St Helen's Church, Pinxton – Crib Service

Saturday 22nd December 7.30pm. Come and join us for our Crib Service and dress up for the occasion.

St Helen's Church, Pinxton – Carol Service

Sunday 23rd December 3pm. A traditional carol service followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

St Helen's Church, Pinxton – Christmas Eve

Midnight Communion will commence at 11pm.

St Helen's Church, Pinxton – Christmas Day

There will be a United Service at 10.30am.

St Helen's Church, Pinxton – Flowers and Candles Sunday 30th December 1pm – 3pm. Enjoy the flowers, light a candle, and take a little time to remember those you love followed by the end of year service at 3pm.

The Real Advent Calendar

The Real Advent Calendar comes with a 24-page Christmas story-activity book and behind each of the 25 windows is part of the Christmas story and a festive milk chocolate made from a Fairtrade blend of chocolate. The box and tray are completely recyclable, and with each purchase there's a charitable donation.

The Real Advent Calendar retails at £3.99 and is available now from the Derby Cathedral bookshop.



It is also available directly from the Meaningful Chocolate Company via their website, <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/>, from a number of other online retailers and your local Tesco.



Carols for Christmas at the Pub!

Holy Cross Church Morton, will be holding their annual Christmas Carol service on Sunday 9th December at 5.45pm. The service will take place outside the Sitwell Arms, Main Road, Morton. Refreshments will be available from the Salvation Army mobile canteen. Come and join us for this very special service and share the peace and joy of the season with us.

Social Media for Beginners



Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Whatsapp, Pinterest – the number of social media choices seems to get longer with each passing week. Have you ever wondered what they all mean or how you can use them? And what is that hash-tag all about?

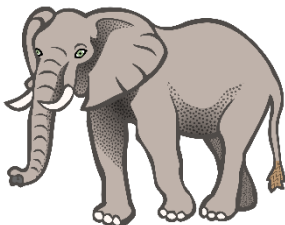


You can now find out as to help get you and your church started with social media the Diocese has a new workshop for social media beginners that will look at:



- Setting up accounts and pages and how to use them
- How to make posts to your accounts and what not to post
- Sharing ideas and best practice

The workshops will be held at Derby Church House on Thursday 13th December 2018 and Wednesday 9th January 2019, 10.30am – 3pm. The workshop is free of charge and you can book a place at www.derby.anglican.org



Mission Returns

The online recording system for your Mission statistics is now open. Electoral role, Easter attendance and the October Count data can be entered now. The remainder of the return for weddings, baptisms etc. should be completed after the 31st December.

Don't forget!

Please remember that all returns must be submitted on line. If you need help to do this please get in touch with Ailsa at the Deanery office

