



Dear Friends,

This is my last letter as Area Dean of Hardwick Deanery. I agreed to take on the role for three years and decided, over a year ago, that I would step down after that period had ended. I did agree to extend that time for a few extra months more, but the time has definitely come to lay down this responsibility.

It has been an eventful three years what with the bringing together of parishes from three deaneries into one. Times of change are never easy, but I think we are growing together more and more and hopefully can support one another in mission and ministry.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during my time as Area Dean and wish you every blessing for the future.

I particularly enjoyed the last Synod when we had time for fellowship after the business meeting. Thanks to all the team at Ironville for providing delicious refreshments. Thanks also to all who contributed to my leaving gift which was very much appreciated. The flowers were lovely, and I look forward to using the theatre tokens.

God Bless,  
*Gill*

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*St Thomas Somercotes*



This Lent, we hope both adults and children might engage in God's plea for us to "Care for Creation". It is an opportunity for us to rebuild our relationship with our planet, and in turn with the God who is Lord of everything. During this time, we hope you might engage in prayer, learn more about the remarkable world we have been given and build habits that last beyond the season to protect and honour the earth.

### Archbishop Justin Welby & Archbishop John Sentamu

#LiveLent: Care for God's Creation is the Church of England's Lent Campaign for 2020. With weekly themes shaped around the first Genesis account of creation, it explores the urgent need for humans to value and protect the abundance God has created.

This year's #LiveLent challenge offers 40 short reflections and suggested actions to help you, your family and your church live in greater harmony with God, neighbour and nature. It has been inspired and informed by the Archbishop of Canterbury's 2020 Lent Book, *Saying Yes to Life* by Ruth Valerio (SPCK).

You can find out more about the #LiveLent challenge at <https://www.churchofengland.org/livelent> where you can also sign up to receive daily reflections by email throughout Lent.

# Learning in Faith

## Pray, Learn, Tell and Serve Together

The Learning in Faith programme offers a broad and varied series of learning opportunities that are suitable for anyone to come along and enjoy. You'll find sessions on everything from prayer, fresh expressions and community engagement to social media, vocations and making connections with schools.

Courses fall into one of the following categories:

**Mission, Evangelism and Discipleship** - Living our faith and sharing it with others

**Spirituality and Prayer**- Connecting with God

**Community** - Seeking to actively engage with all

**Communication** - Spreading the word

**Vocations** - Responding to God's call

**Churchwarden and Officer Training** - Resourcing for church roles

**Children's and Youth Work** - Engaging with young people

You can find details of all Learning in Faith courses at:

<https://derby.anglican.org/en/training/learning-in-faith/learning-in-faith>



### The Diocese bids Farewell to Bishop Jan

The Bishop of Repton, The Rt Revd Jan McFarlane will be leaving the Diocese of Derby in April to take on a new role as Residentiary Canon at Lichfield Cathedral and Honorary Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Lichfield. Bishop Jan will move to Lichfield with her husband Andrew after nearly four years as Bishop of Repton. Bishop Jan began her parish ministry in Stafford after her ordination in 1994.

Bishop Jan said 'Andrew and I will be very sorry to leave the beautiful county of Derbyshire where we have been so happy. I feel blessed to have worked with some excellent colleagues and wonderful congregations.'

Bishop Jan also noted that in travelling from Repton to Lichfield she will be travelling in the footsteps of St Chad.

Bishop Libby said 'Bishop Jan has been a rich blessing for the Diocese of Derby. With compassion and courage, she has offered both care and challenge in a time of transition. She is a good friend and has been a generous colleague – especially for me as I arrived in the diocese. She is greatly valued and appreciated, and her ministry has been a gift to us: we thank God for her. We recognise the cost of the past few years and honour her integrity as she moves to this new ministry in Lichfield. She will be greatly missed but travels in the steps of St Chad with our love and prayers for her and Andrew.'

The Bishop of Lichfield, the Rt Revd Dr Michael Ipgrave said 'It is a joy to welcome Bishop Jan back to the Diocese of Lichfield where she was born, baptised, and ordained as a deacon and priest. I am very pleased that she has agreed to assist in an honorary capacity with episcopal ministry, and I know we will be greatly enriched by her wisdom, teaching and pastoral gifts.'

Bishop Jan's last service will be at Derby Cathedral on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm when she will preach at Evensong. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Hello, my name is Alexandrina Mann, but most people call me 'Alex'. I originate from what was a Nottinghamshire mining village, which I left in the late 80s.

I have a background in Jewellery and Gemmology, but God had other plans, so I re trained as an RE teacher and I taught in various schools in the West Midlands.

From there it was off to Trinity College Bristol for ministerial training. I was ordained in Birmingham in 2003 and served my curacy in North Warwickshire. Since then I have held a variety of posts in the Diocese of Lichfield and now I am moving back East from Cannock. I still have family in Nottingham and I will be joined in Heath by my rescue rabbit pre named Peter; who I call 'Petie'.

I am very much looking forward to being part of the Hardwick Deanery and ministering in the Benefice of Heath. As time goes on I have felt drawn towards Evangelism, so two years ago I joined the Fellowship for Parish Evangelism and for the past six years I have been a commissioned member of the Lichfield Deliverance Team. There is so much that I am excited about in taking up this post and I pray that that God will bless and guide us all in the directions in which he wants us to travel



## **Bishop Jan leads her flock in Crich Consecration**

*Martyn Offord*

'What have you been doing at school today?'

'We've been resurrecting dead bodies.'

Actually the children of Crich Church of England Infants School had been helping Bishop Jan consecrate the new graveyard below the church. On a perfect February afternoon with a pure blue sky and low winter sunlight pouring down the hill, the gathering of children and adults had witnessed an ancient rite which none had seen before nor were likely to see again. Bishop Jan in her full regalia complete with Doc Martens first fielded such questions as 'Why are you dressed like that?' and 'Why are your eyes orange?' Once such matters had been cleared up, she explained the nature of the ritual, held her crook aloft and announced she was chief shepherd.

The children were encouraged to answer with a few bleats but they were then drawn into the beauty and the sacredness of the proceedings. Bishop Jan led the procession along the hedgerows reciting psalms and pausing at each corner to mark a solemn cross in the wet grass. Where the gas main bisected the burial ground the gathering was informed that this stretch could not be consecrated, because it might be necessary one day to disturb the pipeline. The children, silent and respectful, carefully picked their way around the unhallowed plot.



At the conclusion the Registrar in her wig and gown read the declaration and Bishop Jan told the children that this was now a place where the villagers could lie safe and at rest in Jesus. For a few minutes the children and all the gathering stood quietly in that glorious winter sunlight and thought about the past, the present and the future and the eternal rest that Jesus gives.

Bishop Jan then led her flock up the lane and into the church to enjoy drinks and cake.



## **Past Case Review 2 (PCR2)**

Earlier this month Bishop Libby wrote to all clergy with incumbent status and church wardens where the parish is in interregnum to advise them that a second past case review would be taking place this year. This is a significant piece of work and Bishop Libby has committed the Diocese to completing PCR2 as thoroughly as possible to ensure that our churches and church activities are as safe as possible children and vulnerable adults.

To comply with the PCR2 the responsible person (incumbent or church warden) will need to do the following:

- Check all files and information held in your parish, both historically and currently, for safeguarding concerns relating to those outlined as being part of the review
- Report any concerns identified to the Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA) whether they have been reported before or not
- Publicise PCR2 within your parish on websites, noticeboards, Facebook pages etc.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the review, please contact Julian Hodgeson (DSA) on 01332 388682.

## **Active Age**

Feeling lonely and isolated and want to get out more but don't know how to? Active Age is for you then.

Active Age is a community-based befriending service and is part of Age Concern Chesterfield and District, a local charity. The charity was formerly part of Age Concern England that merged with Help the Aged in 2009 to form Age UK, larger branches of Age Concern became an integral part of this new charity, but smaller branches were encouraged to be Friends of Age UK whilst retaining their original name and their independence.

Active Age It is for anyone who is over 55 and will enable them to access and attend local groups and activities in their area, to help them explore old or new interests and form new interests and form new friendships within their own community. Loneliness can have a significant impact on a person's wellbeing and is often associated with later life. As you get older, it's common to find that your social circle starts to shrink. Loneliness can have a devastating impact on our lives and can be a significant cause of depression, impact on physical health and dementia.

There are however ways that we can stay connected with the people in our communities around us as we get older. This FREE service is for older people who are socially isolated but not necessarily living alone. As part of this service Active Age will:

- Match you up with a volunteer who is interested in you as a person and an individual.
- Share and be willing to explore your interests and help you find local groups and clubs.
- Accompany you to the group until you have established new contacts and friendships and are confident to go alone.

For further details about joining Active Age as a volunteer or as a service user contact Debbie Fennell the Project Co-ordinator on 07307 850616 or email Active Age at:

[aa@ageconcernchesterfield.org.uk](mailto:aa@ageconcernchesterfield.org.uk)

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## at Derby Cathedral

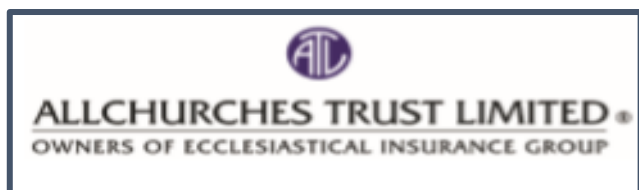
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### Roof Alarm Grants



Allchurches Trust Limited roof protection scheme provides grants to help churches install alarms to roof structures to protect against metal theft. The scheme has been extended to the end of 2020. Grants will now fund up to 50% of the cost of an insurer approved alarm system up to a maximum of £2500.

For further information contact [www.allchurches.co.uk/roofalarmgrants](http://www.allchurches.co.uk/roofalarmgrants)

## Teaching in School – and in Church

It can sometimes be a challenge working as a full-time teacher in a secondary school and also being a self supporting minister at St Mary and St Laurence Bolsover. I am only able to offer limited time to my church role – usually just Sundays and one evening a week, but by careful planning and with the support and understanding of my incumbent, Rachel, I hope that I am able to be of service in the life of the church.

As Head of Social Sciences and Progress Leader for Key Stage 4 my full time job is demanding, but as we are a Church school I am also able to exercise my ministry there too both formally by conducting services such as at Christmas, Easter and Remembrance and also informally as part of the chaplaincy group working to embed a Christian ethos in the school.



*Revd Rachel Williams, Bishop Jan, Revd Rachel Gouldthorpe*



I teach Health and Social Care and Child Development and it gives me great satisfaction to help equip young people with the skills that they need to go on and make a valuable contribution to society.

Of course, none of this would be possible without my husband Keith, my daughters Charlotte and Amie and my three glorious grandchildren who bring joy to every day.

It was my very great privilege to be licensed as Associate Priest of Bolsover on January 14th by Bishop Jan and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone from the deanery who came and supported me on that occasion.

## Fabric grant funding made easier for churches



Changes have been announced making it easier for parishes to apply for funding to support fabric repairs. During 2020 administration of the Wolfson Foundation funds for fabric repairs of churches will move from the Cathedral & Church Buildings Division of the Church of England to the National Churches Trust. The move to the National Churches Trust will result in a simplified funding application process for fabric repairs

Parishes will be able to submit one application form and be considered for up to two fabric repair grants. The Church of England's conservation grants programmes administered by the Cathedral & Church Buildings Division (ChurchCare) will continue with its focus on conservation of historic interiors.

All parishes with ChurchCare grants will be able to claim their grant from ChurchCare. For all questions about existing grants contact John Webster, Cathedral & Church Buildings Division Conservation Grants Administrator. From 28 January 2020, new applications for fabric repair grants should be sent to the National Churches Trust.

Further information can be found at: <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants>



### ***Did you know.....***

Daffodils come from Greece and were first cultivated in 200 – 300 BC.

Their Latin name is Narcissus, the name of a handsome young man in ancient Greece who was told never look at his reflection by the gods. He of course did and was turned into a daffodil for his vanity.



## What's On



- **St James Church Riddings** – Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, prayers at 11am in church.
- **St Mary's Church Crich** – World Day of Prayer Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm. The ladies of Crich churches will be holding prayers for the world day of prayer.
- **St Bartholomew's Church Clay Cross** – open door social first Friday of the month 2pm – 3pm, starting in March. Join us for refreshments and a chat.
- **All Saints Church South Wingfield** – coffee morning and swishing sale Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am – 12pm in the church hall. Enjoy bacon cobs, cake stall, bring and buy and children's toy swap. All monies raised will support stay and play and the churchyard fund.
- **St James Church Riddings** – Lent Lunch Saturday March 21st 12pm in church. All donations received will go to the Bishop's hospice charity.

- **St Werburgh's Blackwell** – Spring Fayre at Newton Community Centre Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 10am – 12pm. All monies raised will go toward the roof fund.
- **St Mary and St Laurence Bolsover** – BeVox Community Choir Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2pm – 4pm. Entrance by donation. Light refreshments available.
- **St John the Baptist Ault Hucknall** – Mothering Sunday Communion 22<sup>nd</sup> March 11.15am.
- **St Leonard's Church Scarcliffe** – Mothering Sunday Communion 22<sup>nd</sup> March 9.30am.
- **St Bartholomew's Church Clay Cross** – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 11am – 1pm, coffee morning. All proceeds to the local foodbank.
- **St Leonard's Church Scarcliffe** – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am Songs of Praise with a speaker from the Leprosy Mission.
- **St James Church Riddings** – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm, Pye Hill Male Voice Choir and Rolls Royce Ladies Choir. Tickets payable on the door.
- **St John the Baptist Ault Hucknall** – Palm Sunday Holy Communion 11.15am, a small palm cross will be given to everyone.
- **St Leonard's Scarcliffe** – Maundy Thursday Holy Communion 6.30pm
- **St John the Baptist Church Tibshelf** – Good Friday Choral Music and Meditation with the Take Note Choir 1.30pm
- **St John the Baptist Ault Hucknall** – Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm a service of hymns and readings.
- **St Leonard's Church Scarcliffe** – Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2.30pm Stations of the Cross, church open from 12pm for hot cross buns.
- **St Bartholomew's Church Clay Cross** – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm fish and chip supper. £4 per person. Please phone 01246 864323 to order your fish and chips.
- **St Leonard's Church Scarcliffe** – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 3pm – 4.30pm Easter afternoon tea, craft and chat.
- **St Mary and St Laurence Bolsover** – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May Remembering VE Day. Church will be open 11am – 3.30pm. Refreshments available 12pm – 2pm. Free entry with donations welcome.
- **St Mary and St Laurence Bolsover** – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 3pm Service of Thanksgiving remembering VE Day and praying for peace.
- **St Bartholomew's Church Clay Cross** – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am VE Day 75 celebration service. There will be a civic service in conjunction with North East Derbyshire District Council.
- **Christ Church Ironville** – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 1pm cream teas in the village hall. All proceeds to the church electrical wiring fund.

