

Inbetween

Diocese
of Derby



North East Deanery

Issue 10, September 2019

Karen writes....

Dear all,

Well – here we go!

That's often what September can feel like I think as we step into a season that feels in many ways more like a new year than Jan 1st. The holiday season is drawing to a close, schools re-start, the days are shortening and there's a freshness to the air morning and evening – Autumn is beginning!

For the Church it is a full season – Harvest, Memorial Services, All Saints Day, Remembrance and then ... but I won't go there! It's also a time when Alpha and Emmaus courses (and similar) run.

It can feel busy but we need to watch the temptation to be swallowed by activity for its own sake and think about opportunity – because it is a season of invitation. So many opportunities to invite people 'in' – to invite them to 'come and see', to come and meet with Jesus. I know every day should and does present opportunity, but there is that cluster of events that many in our society relate to that can give us an added incentive to engage, take the risk and see what God can do.

As I write this we are following readings in Hebrews each Sunday and a few weeks ago we read one of my all time favourite passages again:

'Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of God'

I can't put it any better!

Take care and every blessing,

Karen

PS. Looking forward to seeing you at the next Deanery Synod, 7.30 pm on Tuesday 22nd October at St. John the Evangelist Church, Newbold S41 8PA

Welcome to.....

Father Geoffrey Borrowdale, Rector of St. Paul's Hasland and vicar of St. James, Temple Normanton

As the new Rector of St Paul's Hasland and Vicar of St James the Apostle Temple Normanton, I would like to introduce myself.

I am 57 and married to Claire and we have four adult children: Benedict, Elisabeth, Sarah and Nicholas - the eldest - is married to Emily and has recently given us our first grandchild, Freyja, whilst the youngest is at university.

I was born and brought up in Berkshire and after studying Maths at Southampton University I worked in the computer industry as well as teaching maths. For relaxation I enjoy photography and baking bread.

It was in 1984, that I first travelled to Derbyshire, to a Selection Conference held in Morley. Following that I trained for the priesthood at Chichester Theological College and over 29 years of ordained ministry I have enjoyed serving in parishes in a variety of contexts in Berkshire, West Sussex, Oxfordshire and London.

I have always found a ready focus on the eucharist and sacramental life as essential to our growth in the Church and rejoice in the depth and breadth that good catholic spirituality has to offer within the Church of England tradition



Rev. Paul Mellars, Team Vicar, Dronfield with Holmesfield



I'm originally from a small community on the edge of north Sheffield (Chapelton) and have lived much of my adult life in a small community in Barnsley. I've had a wide range of jobs including night club bouncer, van driver and I also ran a pub. I'm married, have 2 grown up children and a dog (Doris). I enjoy motorbikes, the countryside and a nice pint.

I found faith in a small country church which was loving and welcoming and a place I felt called to ministry. After training as a reader and ministering in 4 rural churches I began to realise that God was calling me to full time ministry. I trained at Mirfield on the Yorkshire Ministry Course. I served my curacy in Clifton Rotherham and in Hoyland Barnsley before being appointed interim minister (Curate in charge) of 4 parishes in Doncaster.

I'm already enjoying working in Derby Diocese, living in Dronfield and ministering alongside great colleagues in the team ministry. As vicar of St. Andrews Dronfield Woodhouse LEP I am privileged to lead a church who are from a wide range of faith backgrounds and who have lots of stories of faith and life to share.

And welcome to.....

Rev. James Milwain, Curate, Chesterfield Parish Church

Hello, my name is James Milwain and I'm the new Curate of Chesterfield Parish Church. It is a pleasure to have joined all of you in the North East Derbyshire Deanery this summer. That I have come to the most exciting part of the Diocese goes without saying!

My own story of discernment and formation has been defined by what seems like a lot of moving around. From a parish in London, back home to Derby, then to the L'Arche community in Preston and onto Cuddesdon for three years... it is very enjoyable to put down roots in Chesterfield for at least a few years!

As part of my formal training, I was fortunate to be allowed to spend most of my final year with the Protestant Church in Germany. And during my first month in Chesterfield, I've greeted several of our Teutonic visitors (including a choir from Cologne), along with people from all sorts of surprising places. There is certainly no shortage of interesting things happening in this part of the county... and the tourists seem to agree!

I very much look forward to meeting new faces throughout the Deanery. More than anything though, I hope that I can share in a great deal of fun over the next few years.



Rev. Dr. Rhoda Blackwell, Curate, St. John's Newbold

Hi, I'm Rhoda, the new assistant curate at St John the Evangelist Newbold. I've just finished ordination training at St Hild (www.sthild.org), spending time at the Barnabas Centre in Sheffield and at Mirfield, on the site of the College of the Resurrection. I particularly valued training alongside people from a wide diversity of the church, and the chance to experience all types of worship from Evangelical to Anglo-Catholic.

Before embarking on my vocations journey (which started with helping out with All-age worship, then Reader ministry and now ordination), I originally trained in pharmacy and worked in medical publishing, my specialism being drug interactions.

I'm originally from south of the Thames, and eventually ended up in Derbyshire when I married a 'boy from Bolsover', having spent some time along the way in New Zealand. We have one teenage son who has just finished sixth form.

Walking is one of my main leisure interests, and, while walking I almost always end up birdwatching—counting the number of different species we see on a walk is a family sport. I am a beekeeper and a member of the local Chesterfield and District Beekeepers Association. You can follow me on Facebook—my public page is <https://www.facebook.com/RevdRhoda/>



And Welcome to.....

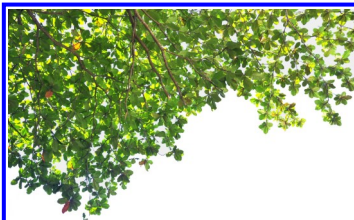
Rev. Lindsay Pearson, on placement at Ss. Augustine Chesterfield

I grew up in Yorkshire, in an atheist family, and I found my way through a church door properly whilst at university. I read music, and then became a secondary school teacher. That was a lot of fun.

I was formed for priesthood at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield. It was a wonderful place to be, and I think I'm very fortunate.

I still play, and take part in musical activities; I'm researching a PhD around theology and music. I cycle a lot (wave if you see me) and I read, swim, go to pilates and all sorts of other things in my spare time (when I get some). I am fond of good (veggie) food and drink, so the above is a necessity...

And congratulations to Rev. Carolyn Baker and Rev. Joel Bird on their Priesting.



Church Planting Feedback from Synod



As Synod we were asked to discuss the idea of Church Planting in the Deanery in response to this question: "If resources were not a factor, where in your deanery would you like to plant a church and why?"

We were asked to read a paper prepared by the Mission and Ministry Team giving some background that was sent to Synod in advance, and reference further information about the Deanery given on the evening of Synod.

The feedback was fascinating and a summary of it is offered below:

There were a number of comments about strategy, prayer and form:

Where does God want us to be? (with strategy, not after)

Where do we not need a church? Plant and look at what's left.

What is the right DNA to plant?

How likely are we to succeed? This, it was felt, requires careful research. Geographical or Spiritual plant: is planting as much about the spiritual needs of a group of people as it is about location?

There was a range of comment about important factors to take into account:

Rural areas have as much need as urban/suburban

Ecumenism: planting across denominations or denominations working together

Include all churches when looking at an area, not just the Anglican ones.

See overleaf....

Church Planting, Feedback from Synod - continued....

There was some discussion and feed-back about how planting could be about regenerating and existing church and/or establishing a second, new congregation in a current building to meet a different need or have a different focus.

And then there were some practical suggestions as to where:

Church Schools

use buildings

people would be relaxed about coming back

Newbold as an example

And not just Church Schools – others schools might be interested too.

Could a Foodbank be part and parcel of a Church Plant?

What about the new housing estates being built in the Deanery? (ie Wingerworth)

Advertising campaign telling people where churches are already

Might be good to 'plant' within the estate

Shopping precincts: dis-used shops? Church during the week?

Sheepbridge Industrial Area & Markham Vale: church operating for people 'at work'.

Pro-act Stadium

Close to local housing

New housing estate in progress (next to Sainsbury's)

Housing mixed financially

Central and well known, with parking

Good communications and transport

Not currently used for Church

Existing Ss. Augustine/between Ss. Augustine and Hasland

Leisure Centres ie Staveley

Crystal Peaks: out of town, good communications and parking, lots of facilities on site.

Chesterfield Tesco's

And what about Virtual Church – online congregations

This feed-back has been sent to Rev. Jason Kennedy at the Mission and Ministry Team, who in turn will forward it to Bishop Ric Thorpe, the Church of England's 'Bishop for Church Plants' and the Bishop of Islington. Bishop Ric is speaking at Diocesan Synod in October and had asked for some comment from the Deaneries on the above question.

It is something that I feel will need to be revisited by us as part of our strategy for mission – it is one of many strands that can help God's Kingdom come.

Karen





I've always struggled a bit with Harvest Festival having grown up in a town. It is a Victorian festival that we celebrate now with much nostalgia but it doesn't always feel that relevant in these modern times when you can buy strawberries all year round!

Where I am Rector there is a local activist group called Plastic Free Clowne. At Clowne gala this year I met them and they asked me to make a 'plastic free pledge' – one pledge to help reduce my use of plastic. I pledged to not buy any more single use plastic bottles.

After speaking to the group I realised that a way in which we can update our Harvest Festival for the 21st Century is to consider our impact upon the environment. We are living at a time of climate emergency. Our behaviours are now directly affecting people all around the world and closer to home. So this year, at our Harvest Festival we will be encouraging people to *think globally and act locally* by:

- Donating to the local food bank
- Sharing home grown produce (and tips on how to grow your own veg and plant flowers to attract bees)
- Praying for local farmers & producers (and inviting them to speak at our services)
- Making a 'plastic free pledge'

Maybe you'd like to do the same at your church?

More ideas can be found about becoming a Plastic Free Community here: www.sas.org.uk

Rev'd Bryony Taylor, Rector of Barlborough and Clowne

Did you know? - "Steph's Sustainable Stuff"

"Steph's Sustainable Stuff" Market Stall in Chesterfield offers many options for plastic-free living. Steph, the friendly stall-holder, can also give advice on eco-friendly toiletries and much more. Find her in the New Square Market area on Saturdays or via the contact details below:-

Email: stephs.stuff@hotmail.com

Mob: 07796 540575



Steph's Sustainable Stuff

Tearfund Rubbish Campaign

“Let’s talk Rubbish”

Tearfund have recently launched their Rubbish Campaign, calling on companies to take responsibility for the plastic waste they produce in poorer countries. Shockingly, between 400,000 and 1 million people die each year in developing countries because of diseases related to mismanaged waste. That’s one person every 30 seconds.



Globally, 50 per cent of the plastic waste produced is packaging material that we only use once. Tearfund’s Rubbish Campaign petition is calling on Coca-Cola, Nestlé, PepsiCo and Unilever to stop being rubbish and to commit to tackling their plastic waste in poorer countries. These four companies produce huge amounts of single-use plastic in communities where there is no rubbish collection, meaning that people are forced either to burn or dump the waste – or live surrounded by it.

These companies have the power to transform this rubbish problem – and the lives of millions of people – if they make four ‘Not Rubbish’ commitments:

Report – on the number of units of single-use plastic products they sell by 2020

Reduce – commit to halve the number of these products by 2025

Recycle – ensure one single use plastic item is collected for every one they sell by 2022

Restore – work with waste pickers to provide employment with dignity

Since Tearfund turned up outside their doors, they have had thousands more people join them in taking action, but they need everyone to get involved if they are going to see these companies make a change. They are speaking out because they believe this rubbish campaign can save lives. Will you join them?

Add your voice today at tearfund.org/rubbish

Thanks from Carol.....

our recent Deanery Day, Carol Woodward from St. John’s, Walton, held a book stall selling her “Pre-loved Christian books”; all proceeds went to Ashgate Hospice.

“The total for Saturday was £150 and I left them out for Sunday and took another £135! I am so delighted so many of my precious books found good homes and pray that people will not only enjoy them but be brought nearer to God through them. Please thank people for supporting my stall. I thought the day had a good feel to it and hope it bears fruit in our churches. God bless”

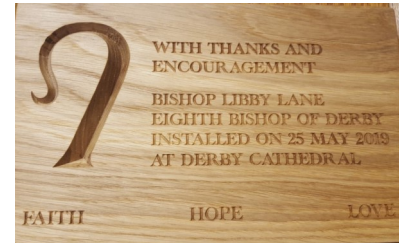
Carol Woodward

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Bishop Libby visits the Deanery, 10th June 2019

So what did the Bishop do and where did she go??



Morning Prayer and Breakfast with Churches Together Leaders in Dronfield

Praying over Land for Development and potential new school in Clowne

Coffee at St. Lawrence Church, Creswell

Bishop Libby visited the Benefice of Elmtun with Creswell and Whitwell with Steetley to meet, talk and pray with members of the four churches and their communities during their vacancy.

Visit to the Brimington Foodbank

Chapter Lunch at St. Bartholomew's Church, Old Whittington

Bishop Libby came for Lunch to St Bartholomew's. The ladies of the church came up trumps and the meeting room looked lovely. We shared a choice of 3 soups and a variety of cakes. It was a great success.

Visit to Barlow Church of England School

"Bishop Libby visited Barlow Church of England Primary School where she joined in the collective worship led by the headteacher Penny Watkin, Then she was put in the hot seat and grilled by the children about what a bishop is and what they do.

She enjoyed her visit and the school was pleased to have her come. It was good that she came to a small school 86 on roll as they are often over looked."

Visit to Markham Vale - the Environment Centre,

Mining Memorial and to a Technology Company



Markham Vale Mining Memorial

Reception at Chesterfield Parish Church to meet Civic Representatives and Representatives from Business, Health and Education



Bishop Libby meets the Mayor and Mayoress of Chesterfield

Evening Prayer at Chesterfield Parish Church

Teddy Bears and Sprites!

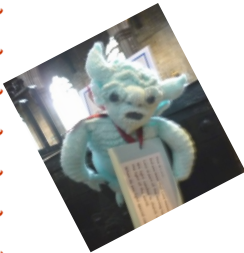
July 30th saw the town full of visitors as Chesterfield once again celebrated its history with a Medieval Fun Day, and many of them came into the Parish Church (aka the Crooked Spire), itself a Medieval church built on the site of earlier churches. As well as the usual tour up the tower, visitors this year were invited to take part in the Sprite trail, to discover more about the church and the people who make up the church.

Rewind to the Deanery Day on 2nd March – a day set aside for us to explore how we engage with families, children and young people. Rev'd Jo Morris from Old Whittington brought Teddy along and explained how the church has a number of teddy bears suitably attired for different roles in the church. The Teddy Priest even has a full set of liturgical robes for the different seasons of the year! Rev'd Jo said it was a great way to engage with families and children as they went around the church looking for the teddies – and then she said....."I would love to see this happen at the Crooked Spire!" Challenge accepted!

Fr Patrick's take on the idea was supportive but "not teddy bears" and so the Spire Sprite Knitting Challenge was launched, thanks to Lincoln Cathedral giving us permission to use the pattern for the Lincoln Imp. Across the town, and even as far as Lincolnshire and Devon, knitters got stuck in, and in the end we were overwhelmed with the 28 Sprites that were completed in time for the Medieval Fun Day. Everyone had the same pattern, and yet no two Sprites have come out the same! A huge Thank You to the knitters, and also to the Church for embracing this slightly odd idea. The Trail now invites folk to find 25 in and around the Church, collect their names; read about their role and look for the red letters which when rearranged spell out the name of a famous landmark. No prizes, just the thrill of doing it!

They are around all summer holidays, and then will go away for a rest before coming out again later in the year. Do come to the next Deanery Day – you never know what might inspire you!

Rev'd Julie Lomas



Training Opportunities:-

Safeguarding Training September/October 2019

Please note there is new training available in how to deal with Domestic Violence and Abuse. Please book these courses via Eventbrite: www.DerbySafeguarding.eventbrite.com or by calling **01332 388681**

We have passed on to the Safeguarding Team your feedback regarding the timing of the evening courses and the need for some courses to be held on a Saturday but at this point in time, the courses below are what they are able to offer. Please note that the C1 course on 3rd October will now be held at Ss. Augustine Church, Chesterfield. Any course with less than 20 people signed up a week beforehand will be cancelled and that the C2 course on 8/10/19 has been cancelled together with the evening D V & A course on 10/10/19.

Date	Venue	Time		
		9.30 am – 12.30 pm	1.30 pm – 4.30 pm	6.15 pm – 9.15 pm
Thursday 26th September	St. John's Walton Walton Back Lane, S42 7LT	C2		
	St Thomas, Brampton, Chesterfield, S40 3AW			C1
Tuesday 1st October	St. John the Baptist, Dronfield, S18 1QB		C1	
	St. John's Walton Walton Back Lane, S42 7LT			C2
Thursday 3rd October	Ss. Augustine Church, St. Augustine's Road, Chesterfield S40 2EP	C1		
	St Thomas, Brampton, Chesterfield, S40 3AW			C2
Tuesday 8th October	St. John the Evangelist, Newbold, Chesterfield S41 8PA			C1

Thursday 10th October	St. John the Baptist, Dronfield, S18 1QB		D V & A	
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Learning in Faith

Learning in Faith is the new Diocesan programme of learning opportunities for 2019. There is a huge range of courses and training events in venues across the Diocese. The courses offered are divided into categories on the Derby Diocese website where you can also download the full Learning in Faith brochure. Courses are offered in the following categories:

Mission, Evangelism and Discipleship
Spirituality and Prayer
Community
Stewardship
Leadership and Management
Vocations
Churchwarden and Officer training

Children's and Youth work
Education
Good to go – tools and resources e.g. leading your church into growth
Courses in development e.g. social media and churches

You can find further details about the training opportunities and book onto a course via the Derby Diocese website <https://derby.anglican.org> You can also download the full Learning in Faith 2019 brochure from the website. Events are for the most part free of charge. The courses are taking place throughout the Diocese with a number of them being held in the North East Deanery.

Vocations Exploration Day

28th September 2019 10.00 am—3.00 pm at St. Mark's Brampton

Booking for these courses can be made via Eventbrite:-

<http://bit.ly/learninginfaith>

Via email to Kat or Ellie @

training@derby.anglican.org

By phone to Kat or Ellie on:-

01332 388687



Church Warden Training:-

Introduction to Roles and Responsibilities

Thursday 19th September 2019

St Mark's Church, Brampton, Chesterfield S40 1DH

Care of Church Buildings

Monday 11th November 2019

St. John's Church, Newbold, Chesterfield S41 8PA

Training will run from 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

If you would like to book a place please contact:

Kathy Crawshaw-Moore, Deanery Administrator.

Need help with A Church Near You?



Dave King from the Diocesan Communication Team will be running a session on 'A Church Near You' at Church House on Thursday 26th September between 3pm and 5pm. For booking and important information see:-

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-church-near-you-tickets-66902333681>

or contact Ellie Ballard: 01332 388687

ellie.ballard@derby.anglican.org

An introduction to the Eco Church Scheme

Why is it used in the Diocese of Derby?

Saturday 5th October 2019, 10.00am – 1.00 pm, The Saints Parish Centre, Chesterfield S40 1XJ

Help to access resources and networks to enable you on your journey as an Eco Church, with illustrations and examples from local colleagues in an awarded Eco Church

The session involves discussion and participants are encouraged to register their Church in advance.

Participants from recently registered churches are most welcome.

Refreshments will be available and booking is essential—please book via Eventbrite *or contact*

Ellie Ballard or Kat Alldread at training@derby.anglican.org or on 01332 388687...

Planting New Congregations Workshop

Saturday 5th October 2019, 10am-4pm

St Barnabas Centre, Pilsley Road, Danesmoor, Chesterfield, S45 9BU

Think this isn't for you? Think again. This workshop is designed just for you, whatever sort of church you come from. So, we'd like to invite you, with a small group from your church, to spend the day with us on Saturday the 5th of October at St Barnabas Centre, Danesmoor.

This workshop isn't just aimed at big churches with loads of people and money. It's for all churches who want to see lives transformed and God's Kingdom grown; whether they are big or small, urban or rural, well-resourced or faithful few. Our aim is to help you learn of the many ways – from tiny fresh expressions to large church plants – that new worshipping communities can be created, to explode some of the myths and to show you how vital they are in seeing God's Church flourish. We'll have stories from around the Diocese of new worshipping communities from a variety of contexts, told by the people who lead them. We'll have time for you to reflect on those stories and how they might help with your own. You'll have an opportunity to bring your questions and discuss them with those who have been before you and those who are travelling with you, and to make connections with those who can support you.

We can't give you all the answers, but we can equip and inspire you for the next steps.

You'll get the most out of the day if you come as a small church group (3 to 5 people), but we'd still love to see you if you're on your own. So, whether you're already on the way or you're just starting out with planting a new congregation, join us. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

This event is open to all, but booking is essential. Please book through Eventbrite or contact Ellie Ballard or Kat Alldread at training@derby.anglican.org or on 01332 388687.

Stop Press!

Taize at Wingerworth

Taize Meeting and Taize Service at All Saints Wingerworth

Come and join us to explore, learn about and finally to experience Taize worship.

The first meeting is: Wednesday 11th September 7:30pm - A presentation by John-Charles Tanner to introduce us all to Taize in preparation for a full Taize service. John is an experienced Taize veteran and is very knowledgeable about the Taize movement. It is a great opportunity to learn all about this. Also if you play an instrument you are particularly welcome to come and get involved. We are also hoping to make this an ecumenical event so please share this with other churches in your area.

Taize Service: Wednesday 20th November 7.00pm.

This is the evening of the actual service to which (to use a well worn phrase) all are welcome! Do come!