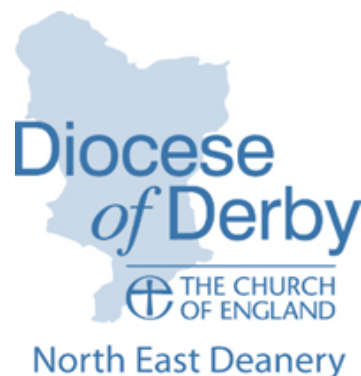


Inbetween

Issue 11, January 2020



Karen writes....

For many Christmas is over, the tinsel and lights have been packed away, the tree either back in the loft or planted in the garden and maybe one or two tasty treats left. A time to remember!

For others it won't have been the best of times, although their lives may have been touched by the kindness of others – hopefully that's been the case for those using the Night Shelter or accessing the Foodbank for instance.

And yet it's not over, for we stay in the season of Epiphany for a little longer as we focus on who Jesus is and why He is here.

If there's a resolution to be made maybe it is this – to stay in the season, to not rush on to the next thing, instead considering Jesus, re-visiting the familiar stories and allowing them to speak to us of his eternal, present, unchanging nature.

If we can stay, consider and receive from Him we will be so much better equipped and filled to deal with whatever lies ahead in 2020, whether that's emerging Diocesan vision, new incumbents (which a number of our churches are praying for) or personal challenge and change or the uncertainty in the world and instability in the environment – from the individual to the global, from the seemingly small to the almost impossible to comprehend – He is the one who brings stability, hope, power, grace, love, forgiveness and mercy (and so much more).

Happy New Year! May you know the blessing, presence and love of the one who is the same – yesterday, today and forever.

Rev. Canon Karen Hamblin, Area Dean



Congratulations to Kate and Bertie!



On Sunday, 6 October 2019, four candidates were Admitted and Licensed by Bishop Libby as Readers at a very special service in Derby Cathedral. The service also served as a Thanksgiving for 50 years of Reader Ministry by Women.

Our special congratulations to:
Katherine Mary (Kate) Brookbank
Jacqueline Haywood
Anthony (Tony) Hill
Roberta (Bertie) Walker

We pray for Kate who begins her ministry at Old Brampton, Barlow and Loundsley Green and Bertie who will be at Eckington and Ridgeway.

Congratulations to Rev. Kevin Ball, Chaplain to the Order of St. John for Derbyshire

Following a request from the County Priory Group for Derbyshire and a recommendation from Bishop Jan on the 29th September I was commissioned by The Dean for the Priory of Great Britain and the Isles, The Very Reverend N Frayling in St Peters Calow.

My role is very similar to that I had as Senior Chaplain at Manchester Airport, except that St. John is a Christian Foundation and that is held very dear to its members.

I am responsible for the pastoral and spiritual care and support of all members of St John Ambulance, particularly the Badgers and Cadets also The Fellowship which is an organisation for members past and present of St John. I am there for people of all faiths and none.

It was interesting going to Peartree to see the unit during Diwali and join in their celebrations and units are now busy preparing for the County Annual Carol Service with the young people playing the main part in that service.

I shall be visiting units around the County and I am part of the County Priory Group responsible for the activities of units and funding.



Mission Action Grant News :-

Holding Space

Holding space is an initiative happening in Chesterfield of which three strands are Struggling Saints for adults with disabilities, Solace for Carers and Saplings for children with additional needs. The team developing Holding Space are Captain Tim Rourke, Cath Rourke, Sharon Burrows and myself, Reverend Hilary Moore. We were given a grant from the North-East Deanery Mission Grant and this was used for Saplings to buy a black-out tent. Sharon who heads up Saplings has written a little about it below...

Saplings

We have identified, through our own experience a need for children with complex special needs to have some space where they can be valued, prayed for and given lots of attention from their parents/care givers. We hope to facilitate groups of up to 5 children. Each group will cater for very specialist needs. Some children may need loud active environments, some quiet. There will be different activities that in some way connect the children and families with God regardless of how attentive or distant the children may be. We hope that the children can grow together and families become a supportive pastoral and missional community through to adulthood.

There are many families who cannot access normal church services because of the severity of their children's medical or behavioural needs.

This will take time to develop. At present we have piloted a Saplings group meeting within a church hall environment which is contained, safe and plain to avoid sensory overload and then activities added in.



Preparing for Saplings at St Francis Hall

Our children have got used to each other through outings (picnic and McDonalds) and we feel these sort of outings will be good for slowly introducing other children to see if they are able to manage and thrive in each others company. Families can learn how to use simple activities at home to help the children who have very little understanding to have a sense of being loved and belonging both by their families and by God and we will be producing resources to help them do that.

If you would like any more information about Saplings please contact Sharon Burrows on 07979 811345 or email s.burrows37@gmail.com

For Solace for Carers please contact Reverend Hilary Moore 07399 159655 or email hilary90@hotmail.co.uk

For Struggling Saints please contact Capt Tim Rourke on 07853 167061 or email tim-rourke.churcharmy@gmail.com

In 2019 these four parishes also received Mission Action Grants:-

Ss. Augustine Church, Chesterfield

To help develop work with children and families through informal craft sessions running alongside Gussie's Kitchen. Money to provide materials for activities and construction toys.



St. Paul's Church, Hasland

Storage units for craft materials for use in an ecumenical young persons project

St. Michael and All Angels Church, Brimington

Resources and badges for Sunday School and Messy Church



St. John the Evangelist Church, Newbold

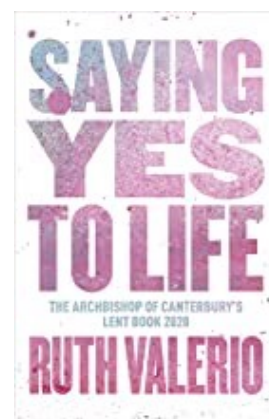
Funding for Story Bags

What could you be doing in 2020?

Looking forward - The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book

The Archbishop's Lent book next year will be focused on the environment. It is written by Ruth Valerio. Each chapter goes through one of the days of creation, and brings together environmental, ethical and social concerns. The book will be published on 21st November 2019.

- ◆ Looking for a Lent guide that speaks to faith today?
- ◆ Ruth Valerio helps you relate themes in the Bible to wider world issues
- ◆ You'll discover a stirring look at environmental, ethical and social issues through faith



"Saying Yes to Life" lifts our focus from every day (and perfectly natural) concerns to issues that are impacting millions of lives around the world. As people made in the image of God, we are entrusted to look after what God has made – to share in the joy and creativity of God in making a difference for good. Ruth Valerio imaginatively draws on the Days of Creation (Genesis 1 - 2.2) in relating themes of light, water, land, the seasons, other creatures, humankind, Sabbath rest and resurrection hope to matters of environmental, ethical and social concern. Foundational to the book are what it means to be human and in particular, to be a follower of Jesus during Lent. Voices from other continents are heard throughout and each chapter ends with discussion questions, a prayer, and specially commissioned art to aid action and contemplation.

Looking back.....Experience Christmas at St. Mark's, Brampton

Experience Christmas as you've never experienced it before!

Twenty eight children and two members of staff from a Yr 2 class at Brampton Primary School (also known as the Dynamic Dragons) visited St Mark's Church for an afternoon experience looking at six different aspects of the Christmas story. Only that morning, this class had joined with others from KS1 to entertain parents and carers with their nativity, so they already knew quite a lot, but this was different!

Having gathered around the Story Teller chair, and listened to the Christmas story, the children were then divided into five groups, each with a group leader. Following the order as set out on their group card, they then set off to visit each of the five stations set up around the church, before all joining together at the sixth and final station in front of the altar.

At the Preparation they were encouraged to talk about getting ready for Christmas on the outside and on the inside. Candles were lit, advent calendars discussed, and a fir cone with red glittery wool was handed around. They then wound the wool around the open fir cone as a sign of God's love surrounding them.

The Announcement involved listening to Mary's story, and then threading some ribbon into a baby blanket, tying the two ends together as a sign of giving God any fears and worries they might have.

The Journey ended with each person having a go at using the door knocker and hearing the words, "no room" until at last one knock resulted in the reply "room out the back!"

The Promises took the groups to a different setting with ancient scrolls, incense burners and "real" gold. Using a quill pencil each person then drew or wrote about a gift they would take to Jesus, folding up their paper into a gift box which they carried with them until the final station



Sitting round a realistic log fire, thoughts turned to sheep and shepherds, and why the angels might have come to announce the news of Jesus' birth to them as a time of peace. Everyone spoke about what peace would mean to them this Christmas and received an angel-shaped card to hang on a tree, or give to someone else.

Finally we all gathered around the final station where the blanket that had been decorated with ribbons was used to wrap the baby. Then, unrehearsed, and very moving, each person came to the front in turn and laid their gift box at the manger. This was a very solemn moment, and quite took me by surprise! We said a prayer, with the usual "wind-up Amen" and then we were blessed by their singing a song they had learnt by heart.

It took us about two hours to set everything up, and there were eight of us from St Mark's (including one from St. Thomas') who hosted the stations and supported the event. Others were involved in praying for the afternoon, and in gathering props and other items so we could "dress" the space and spark off the imagination, curiosity and engagement of each child.

The Deanery has a kit box, and it is all scripted so anyone would be able to set it up and run it next year. Now we are looking forward to this same class returning in the spring for Experience Easter and then again in the summer for Experience Church.

As ever, what we offer "for the children" has actually had as much impact on us as we delight in passing on the good news of Jesus to the next generation.

Rev. Julie Lomas, Curate, St. Mark's, Brampton



Looking Back.....Christmas Tree Festival at Dronfield Parish Church

In February 2018, a Guide Leader asked one of our Church Wardens "Have you thought of a Christmas Tree Festival in the Parish Church?" – We had, but hadn't thought it possible. Two events later God in His kindness has shown that it was, and is possible.



Thinking of perhaps 30 trees and about 200 visitors we went ahead. With all the effort involved, we felt it should be for 10 days - two weekends and the week in between. We wanted everyone to be welcome, so decided against a charge to bring a tree, or to have an admission charge, but to have a collecting bowl near the door, and to ask for two hours of stewarding where possible. We provided refreshments - coffee/tea & cake/mince pie for £1.50, and had a sales table with donated Christmas items - books/gifts/decorations etc.

In 2018 we had 107 Christmas Trees, 3,500+ visitors, and everyone saying "next year"....

So this year (2019) we had our 2nd Christmas Tree Festival. We had been delighted by the Community spirit in our first year, and amongst the 135 Trees this year, Christmas Trees were provided by All 12 Dronfield Churches, All 12 Schools, 7 Preschool Groups, 10 Representatives of all the Uniformed Organisations (the Rainbows did 16 small trees!) 9 local Charities, 36 local groups serving the town in different ways, and 31 Businesses including the Fish & Chip Shop, 5 pubs, the Pharmacy, the Town Council, the Mayor, the local Fire Station, Dronfield Musical Theatre etc. To our delight, all the Christmas Trees were very individual, specially decorated in a theme for the organisation.

Most afternoons a School came and sang for us, with Coffee Mornings on the two Saturdays, when the Dronfield and Barlow Singers came and sang, with further musical entertainment on the Saturday afternoons. On the Sundays, visitors were invited to join our Services, with our Christingle Service held amongst the Christmas Trees.

The blessings from it all – a wonderful sense of Dronfield as a Community actually in their Parish Church. Over 6,000 visitors. Many who brought Christmas Trees or just came to see them, never normally go into a church. They were welcomed warmly, found a lovely atmosphere, a wonderful display of Christmas Trees, delicious refreshments, so stayed a good time, with some coming back several times either to take it all in again, or to bring family and friends "to see the Christmas Tree Festival at OUR Church" (taking on ownership!).

We have so much to be thankful for - the Church building became a living witness to God in our town, and not just a historic building, as many think. All our visitors and helpers appreciated the warmth and the welcome. All were invited to come again. 40+ pocket sized New Testaments were taken from the basket by the Gideons Christmas Tree – we hope and pray that these will be read, and bring some to faith, and help others to grow in it.

Our hope & our prayer overall is that in the future – five, ten, twenty more years from now – if any of our visitors where ever they may be, go through difficult times, they may remember the welcome they were given in 2019, and think "When I went to the Christmas Tree Festival years ago the welcome was lovely. There's a church just up the road, perhaps I'll go there...." And discover God's wonderful love is for them too.

Dr Jill Bethell MBE

Workplace Chaplaincy in Derbyshire



Did you know that nine out of ten people will not be in church on Sunday, but that nine out of ten people will be at work on Monday? This is why chaplaincy is so important in our day and age. Our voluntary workplace chaplains engage with people at work, with those of any faith or no faith, and have a key part to play in helping staff process complex situations, share about tough challenges, and speak freely about personal issues. They are available to listen and support, advise, and where requested, to pray and share about God's love for all people.

Our chaplains are out and about in the workplace every day, they are embedded in the social structures, getting stuck in to the nooks and crannies of a multitude of organisations, from football clubs to theatres, industry to schools, and care homes to the Police and Fire services.

On the website below you can read more about what we do, and you are welcome to contact me if you want to respond in any way. Maybe as an employer, you want to discuss appointing a chaplain. Maybe as an employee, you would like to meet with a chaplain.

Maybe as a member of a local church, you would like to explore what it would mean for you to become a chaplain. Maybe as a local church leader, you would like to discuss setting up a town centre chaplaincy in your community.

A few years ago, a friend of mine was at the hairdresser and, in the midst of an enjoyable conversation, the hairdresser told her that every week two chaplains visit, that it was helpful talking to them and he described them like this: 'They are a godsend.'

A godsend is a person who comes unexpectedly but is particularly welcome and timely, as if sent by God. What a great description of chaplains! We are called to be a godsend, supporting people in the workplace, and it is our privilege to do so.



Revd. Canon Paul Morris, Principal Chaplain

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We are exploring extending Chaplaincy in our area....could this be for you?

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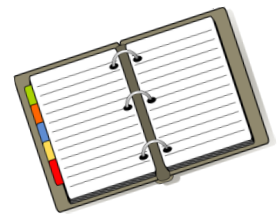
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Or: phone Stewart on 07729 895 392 for viewing/test-drive



Dates for your Diary....



Synod Meeting Dates 2020

Wednesday 5th February St. Thomas' Church, Brampton S40 3AW, 7.30 pm

Wednesday 1st July St. Swithin's Church, Main Road, Holmesfield S18 7WT, 7.30 p

Tuesday 13th October St. Columba's, Church Close, Inkersall S43 3LU



Confirmation

The next Confirmation Service will be held at All Saints Church, Wingerworth S42 6PU, on 2nd February Sunday at 9.30 am. Please send any information regarding candidates to Rev. Jonathan Poston.

Contact: wingerworth.rector@gmail.com

Tel: 01246 279932

Statistics for

Mission Returns



A reminder that the Statistics for Mission online return for 2019 is due by 31st January 2020.

Training Opportunities



Safeguarding Training February/March 2020

Please note that the C1 course has now become "Safeguarding Foundation" and the C2 course has become "Safeguarding Leadership"; the C3 course no longer exists. The refresher C5 module has been scrapped and replaced with the need to repeat the highest level of training previously attended, three years later.

Please book these courses via Eventbrite: www.DerbySafeguarding.eventbrite.com or by calling:- **01332 388681**

Date	Venues	Time		
		9.30 am –12.30 pm	1.30 pm—4.30 pm	6.15 pm – 9.15 pm
Thursday 27th February	St. Swithin's, Holmesfield S18 7WT	Safeguarding Leadership		
Tuesday 3rd March	St Mark's, Brampton, Chesterfield S40 1DH		Safeguarding Foundation	
	St. John's Walton Walton Back Lane, S42 7LT			Responding to Domestic Abuse
Thursday 5th March	St. Swithin's, Holmesfield S18 7WT			Safeguarding Foundation

Concerns about GDPR?

Training is available to any Parishes with concerns/questions about GDPR. The online training can be accessed through the Parish Buyer scheme at a highly reduced rate, a fee of £10 per person.

<https://www.parishbuying.org.uk/categories/gdpr-e-learning>

Do you have any news, ideas, events, interesting information to share with the Deanery?

Send items to include in the next edition of Inbetween to:-

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Mary's Gate, Chesterfield, S41 7TJ



Course Programme 2020

Pray, Learn, Tell and Serve Together

North East Derbyshire Deanery

Day, Date and Time	Event	Venue
Tue 10 Mar 3-4pm	Children and Communion	St Mark, Brampton
Sat 28 Mar 9.30am-3.30pm	Mental Health and Prayer	St Thomas, Brampton
Wed 22 Apr 7-9pm	Fresh Expressions 1: Getting Started with Fresh Expressions	The Saints Centre, Chesterfield
Mon 27 Apr 7.30-9pm	Churchyards	St Thomas, Brampton
Sat 02 May 10am-3pm	Community Engagement: People and Buildings	Central Methodist Church, Chesterfield
Wed 06 May 7-9pm	Social Media for Beginners	St Thomas, Brampton
Tue 02 Jun 7-9pm	Working with Small Groups: Training for Youth Leaders	St Thomas, Brampton
Wed 03 Jun 7.30 -9pm	Churchwarden Training: Leading an Act of Worship at Short Notice	St John, Newbold
Mon 08 Jun 7-9pm	Show Me the Money: Keys to Successful Grant Applications	St Thomas, Brampton
Sat 13 Jun 9.30am-3.30pm	Spirituality in a Digital Age	St John, Walton
Tue 15 Sep 10am-12pm	Into Your School: Supporting Schools with Faith Activities	Whitwell Community Centre
Mon 21 Sep 7-9pm	Parenting for Faith	The Saints Centre, Chesterfield
Thu 24 Sep 7-9pm	Occasional Offices and Mission: Baptisms	St Thomas, Brampton
Thu 15 Oct 9.30am-3.30pm	Growing in God's Life	St Thomas, Brampton

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

Learning in Faith

A message from Kat and Ellie - Exciting News!

During the year, many of you voiced the desire for there to be a course that would help strengthen your discipleship and deepen your understanding of the Bible, along the lines of Journey in Faith. In addition, you hoped that there would be the opportunity for online learning, study days with others and the chance to put into practice what you had learned.

Well, we listened, and we are delighted to announce the launch of our new Discipleship Training programme which starts in January 2020.

You can take one module or many, hopping on or off whenever they are running. You can also build up modules to complete a whole course.

More detailed information, including sample sessions and how to apply, can be found on our new course website www.discipleship-training.org and by contacting fiona.bennett@derby.anglican.org to request an information pack.

SumUp.....



A few months ago one of our Toddler Mums said 'I keep meaning to make a donation to Toddlers, but I never have any cash'

One of our guests at a special service said 'I'd like to give something but I only have a card – I never carry cash'

Increasingly, we live in a cashless society – especially amongst younger people.

We're not a big church at St Mark's, but we have had larger congregations with lots of visitors over Christmas and the same is true for many churches and for 'life-event' services or things like Christmas Tree Festivals.

SumUp is a card machine that we have just invested in at St. Mark's. At the moment the equipment costs £19.00 but normally costs £29.00 – it is a card reader without a contract. There is a charge of 1.69% per transaction. You will need one person to register your account (in our case, our Treasurer) and a couple of people to download the SumUp App onto their phones (in our case myself and the Curate as one or other of us is around for most things where folk might want to make a 'one-off' gift or donation). It was all very straight-forward and it's portable. I don't know how it's affecting one-off giving yet, it's not been in use for long enough, but it's there as an option where there hasn't been an option before and it hasn't cost us a lot to set it up might be worth considering for your Church?