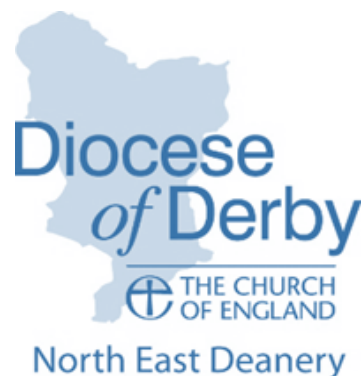


# Inbetween

*Issue 12, April 2020*



## *Karen writes.....*

Dear friends in Christ,

It seems appropriate to me to be writing this introduction to Inbetween on Maundy Thursday ... the day when having washed feet and broken bread we step with Jesus into the darkness of what is to come.

Although the sun is shining brightly we are in a place of struggle and darkness in so many ways – and yet, the darkness has not and will not extinguish the light.

Our calling remains as followers of Jesus to be light to our world – to pray, to serve and to follow and we can continue to do all those things without stepping out of the house!

Neither does everything we do need to be based around technology (although it is amazing) – we can write letters, send cards, make calls ... and pray. So continue to seek God for His calling to you in this time, trusting in the one who went to the darkest place and emerged into the light and life of resurrection. Set your eyes on Jesus – the author and perfecter of our faith.

Please continue to pray for those with Covid-19, those who are recovering and those who have lost loved ones.

Remember those Parishes in vacancy – and the inevitable delays to interviewing and appointing that are the result of the current situation. Pray for their Church Wardens, Readers and Officers who are working so hard during this time.

Pray for Church Treasurers and the anxiety many of them carry for the finances of their churches.

Give thanks for Rev David & Averil Horsfall about to retire and for Rev Lindsay Pearson due to move to Blackburn Diocese soon. The plans of both have been affected by our current situation and moving house dates have had to change with no definite alternatives in place yet.

And pray for all those who are caring for, supporting and continuing to reach out to our communities (including many of you) – through volunteering, through being part of the NHS & other front-line services ... too many to mention specifically but literally, thank God they/you are there.

The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

Karen



# Coronavirus

## *Some tips and advice on wellbeing*

### **Dealing with Loneliness and Isolation: FIVE TOP TIPS**

1. Pray – light a candle, if safe, and pray for hope, faith and strength to keep loving and caring for each other during this time of struggle.
2. Talk about how you feel. This may be difficult if you are self-isolating, but use the phone, internet and social media. If you need to contact a counsellor, this can be arranged by your GP, local agencies or privately. Samaritans are there 24 hours a day, every day, and it's free to call them on 116 123.
3. Focus on the things that you can change, not on the things you can't.
4. Look after yourself – physically, emotionally, spiritually. Plan things that you enjoy at regular intervals during the day – a TV programme, a phone call, a book, a favourite dish, a game.
5. Look after others – even if only in small ways, but do what you can: a smile, a kind word, writing a letter or an email.

### **Maintaining wellbeing in a time of Coronavirus**

Below is a list of places where you can find useful information around supporting mental health, wellbeing and managing any anxiety around coronavirus.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus>

Includes tips on managing any concerns during the coronavirus pandemic, also managing finances, talking to children about coronavirus and alternatives to panic buying.

[https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-03/10961•Mental%20Health%20Reflections\\_WEB.pdf](https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-03/10961•Mental%20Health%20Reflections_WEB.pdf)

A pdf publication from the Church of England which includes 13 daily reflections, this booklet has been designed to provide hope, reassurance and comfort.

<https://www.mentalhealthatwork.org.uk/toolkit/coronavirus-and-isolation-supporting-yourself-and-your-colleagues/>

Tips on working from home, in isolation and supporting your colleagues.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-public-on-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-the-public-on-the-mental-health-and-wellbeing-aspects-of-coronavirus-covid-19>

# Coronavirus - an update from the Safeguarding Team

## Training update.

Completion of the Safeguarding Basic Awareness and Foundation courses can both be completed on line via this link - <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>

Individuals will need to register and ensure they include Derby Diocese in their registration details, this will allow us to gain evidence of completion of the training to add to your records.

## DBS

There is a relaxation on verification of identification, you can view identification via Skype or a scanned image, however you must have sight of the original documents for proper verification once the sanctions on isolation are lifted. There is more information on the link <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service>

## Other Support

It can sometimes be hard to know what to do or say when supporting someone who will struggle with the circumstances of this emotionally difficult time. If you are living with a mental health problem, or supporting someone who is, then having access to the right information - about a condition, treatment options, or practical issues - is extremely useful. The charity 'MIND' has information aimed at helping friends, family, carers and others to give support and enables us to take care of ourselves too. Their website can be found here: <https://www.mind.org.uk/>  
There are also other National Helplines who provide support and guidance; these organisations include:

- **Action on Elder Abuse Helpline:** [080 8808 8141](tel:080088088141) (free phone Monday to Friday 9-5pm)
- **Child-line:** [0800 1111](tel:08001111) (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are a child or young person and are worried about anything
- **Cruse:** [0800 808 1677](tel:08008081677) bereavement helpline
- **MACSAS: Minister and Clergy Sexual Abuse Survivors.** [0808 801 0340](tel:08088010340) support for those abused by ministers, clergy or others under the guise of the church
- **NSPCC Child Protection Helpline:** [0808 800 5000](tel:08088005000) (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are worried about a child.
- **National Domestic Violence Helpline:** [0808 2000 247](tel:08082000247) (lines free and open 24 hours). Phone if you are experiencing domestic abuse.
- **NAPAC: National Association for People Abused in Childhood.** [0808 801 0331](tel:08088010331). Support for adults abused as children
- **Samaritans Helpline:** [08457 90 90 90](tel:08457909090) (open 24 hours). Phone if you feel you are struggling to cope and need someone to talk to.
- **Stop It Now:** [0808 1000 900](tel:08081000900) preventing child sexual abuse
- **Survivors Trust:** [01788 550554](tel:01788550554). Support for men who have experienced sexual assault or rape

There will also be local support being offered in your area, please check on the internet to see what is available.

The National Church has recommended that those who wish to volunteer in their local area do so in a co-ordinated way with their local council, there is more information on the link below,

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/social-health/health-and-wellbeing/health-protection/disease-control/coronavirus/community-response-unit/if-you-want-to-volunteer/if-you-want-to-volunteer.aspx>

## *And from the Discipleship, Mission and Ministry Team...*

The Discipleship, Mission & Ministry team is busy supporting clergy and church leaders as we all adapt to being church and 'doing church' differently at this time. We have set up a new email address [ideas@derby.anglican.org](mailto:ideas@derby.anglican.org) and we are encouraging clergy and other church leaders to send in their ideas to share with others. That same email address can also be used if they have questions that they need answers to.

There is a new page on the Diocese website that is being kept up to date full of the ideas and information that we are collecting. Please let people in your deaneries know about it? It can be found at <https://derby.anglican.org/en/our-mission/community-engagement/ideas-for-community-engagement.html>

## *Prayers from the Church of England*

The link below will take you to the page on the Church of England website where suggested prayers can be found:-



Prayers about the outbreak, Personal Prayers, Praying with children and Worship at Home

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer-resources>

## *Thought for Holy Week by Father Patrick Coleman*

I was grateful last night to be able to watch and listen to the Queen as she addressed the nation, providing as she does a sound basis of stability and common sense in among all the raucous voices, opinions and views of mass and social media. She very wisely suggested that for the many who are self-isolating or in lock-down, this is a time to slow down, to take life more gently. I know only too well how many people are still very busy keeping things going, and indeed how many are overwhelmed at the front lines of health and social care. At some point they are going to need time to slow down too – maybe not in the heat of this crisis, but certainly before too long. Like all of us, if pressed too hard, they too can break. These heroes need more than our encouragement – in future they will need rather more care, support and recognition than we have been accustomed to giving. In Holy Week Christians recall how God in Jesus suffered with the human race, and through the victory of Jesus over death opened up a new horizon of life and hope. Whatever you believe, we all need to hope. We need to hope that lessons will be learned from our communal experience; we need to hope that our priorities for society and for the world around us will change for the better; we need to hope that all people will learn afresh how much we need each other, and how we are not just individuals who can just do what we like when we like. The Queen was right when at the end she said we will meet again. That's the very least hope that can get us all through this – but there is so much more to hope for, and to work for!

Keep safe and keep well.

## *Big ships and little ships by Rev. Bryony Taylor*

Since the beginning of this coronavirus crisis a lot of metaphors of war have been used. It does feel as if this is 'our WWII' and this experience is something that is going to shape and change us forever and about which stories will be handed down to our children and grandchildren. There was a scramble at the beginning of lockdown of churches and clergy trying to figure out how to continue to offer worship once our church buildings were closed. It felt as if some people had it all sorted immediately and were suddenly conducting services using something called Zoom (which no one had hardly heard of before this), doing livestreaming on Facebook (another phrase unfamiliar to many) and broadcasting on YouTube. Before I was ordained, I worked as a social media



consultant and was also something of an expert in online learning. And yet, although in some respects I was 'well prepared' for a scenario like this I still felt overwhelmed and rather envious of other churches who seemed to have it all sorted. While I was praying in that first week of lockdown I had an image of all the boats that went to Dunkirk in WWII. I feel like all our parishes/communities we represent are like those 800 odd private boats that were sent for the rescue effort. Some were big boats, some little, some had a lot of power, others were sail boats. The small boats didn't spend their time wishing they were bigger, they just went and did what they could.

We are simply called to be faithful. Some of us can do flashy stuff with live streaming, some of us can spend all day on the landline to elderly people who need a call.

I realised that we should not play the comparison game - as the saying goes, 'comparison is the thief of joy'. Let's all work with what we have, not pine for what we don't - it would be like one of the little sail boats wishing it was a steamer. God is using each of us where we are and our faithfulness to Him is all that's important. Be encouraged!

So some golden rules for those of us trying to do church in a new way:

- don't try and run before you can walk
- do what you can with the resources you have and don't play the comparison game
- link to other people's resources – such as the Archbishop of Canterbury's Sunday Services on the radio and Cathedral live streaming
- Create content that works for your people (ie. don't use Zoom if it would be a big task teaching people how to use it in the first place)
- Keep it simple
- Offer everything to God and as Paul writes:

**"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3:17)**



## *For Easter 2020*

For Christians this strange time we're living in is made even odder by the fact that church buildings are closed, so that we can't live out the events of Holy Week and Easter in the usual ways. It's also worth remembering that in a couple of weeks the holy month of Ramadan begins, so our Islamic friends will also have to live out the experience of fasting and praying apart in their own homes. There are also many people of all faiths and none who are angry at the current pandemic, especially those who have lost close friends and family. Some find it convenient to blame God, or to assert that such awful things could not happen if God exists. Let's be clear: if God is a fairy godmother, a magician or a puppet-master, then that God deserves the full force of our anger. The God of Jesus Christ is none of these things. This God suffers with us; this God gives us strength to take on the hard things of human life together with the many joys, and to make this life and this world better for all. At present, for most of us, the best we can do for the sake of everyone is to stay at home and wait it out. Some are carrying out active service keeping things going – especially the caring and healing professions, food provision – all the basic things we need to live. And many can do no more than encourage, avoid running the risk of catching or spreading infection, and pray. I said at the start that church buildings are closed – but the church is emphatically not closed. Chesterfield Parish Church is among the very many who carry on worship each day in our homes, making it available for others to join in by filming or streaming. We are among the very many whose congregation members are involved in practically supporting and serving others. We have been, and are, still here to support the frontline health and other workers who give us all hope in these difficult times. We do what we can to shine the light of faith into the many dark places. Most of us have grown up in generations where we assumed that humankind can in principle have control over its own destiny. The current crisis is a rude reminder of what an illusion that is, and a loud wake-up call to take questions of environment, health and justice seriously. I know that many people will be hoping or praying that everything will at some time – preferably in the near future – get back to 'normal'. Going through the events of Holy Week, being part of the suffering and death of Jesus – this does not take us back to the normal things of life, but into the extra-ordinary reality where suffering and death do not bring darkness and despair, but light and hope that there will be new life. That's what this week is about; that's what this crisis must also be about – finding our way to a new reality where there will be life and hope for all creation. Happy Easter – and please keep safe and keep well.

Father Patrick Coleman

## ***A-Line Taxis to the rescue!***



When St Augustines Church, Gussies Kitchen issued a call for help in delivering 97 food parcels to vulnerable local residents, A-Line drivers were only too happy to oblige!

This was done completely free of charge. Fantastic job!

# GROWING FAITH

**A renewal of hearts and minds so that it becomes second nature to include children, young people and households in every aspect of church life for the lifelong formation of faith in the whole of life.**

Growing Faith promotes a partnership between the three communities of Church, School and Household to enable the discovery, exploration and growth of faith for all in those communities. The partnership is imagined as intersections of a set of overlapping spheres to find and promote ways to help faith to grow with children, young people and households.

Each 'sphere' might already be interacting with one of the others, but very few contexts demonstrate clear and fruitful interaction between all three – the central intersection. The intersections encourage a joint venture or activity seeking to normalise talking about Christian faith, leading to opportunities for developing prayer and gathering for worship.

**Growing Faith Principles** The three principles that are defining and describing our approach to Growing Faith: **Connected Communities** - *looking for the meaningful connected community of faith in the intersection between church, school and households.* **Spiritual Encounters** - *engaging in conversations about and expressing faith as people encounter God as individuals and together.* **Imaginative Practices** - *searching for 'a new way of being church' and creating new thinking and new doing in relation to children, young people and households.*

Assessing any activity, vision or attitude through the three Growing Faith principles helps to draw the thinking toward that central intersection where all three communities are operating in partnership. The Growing Faith Adventure has a growing number of aspects and workstreams.

Central to the adventure is the Growing Faith Project, which is using six Trailblazer Dioceses to experiment with what the intersection of the church, school and household might look like in practical terms. The Growing Faith Enabler is facilitating that discovery and analysis of those ventures in order to find simple, general values and principles that will help any context to grow faith.

**Growing Faith Trailblazer Dioceses** Each of the six Trailblazer Diocese are in the process of designing a bespoke, contextual response to the Growing Faith challenge. These might include: • Schools in Durham Diocese are partnering with their churches to plan ventures inspired by a toolkit of ideas curated by the Diocesan Growing Faith team. • Community Hubs in market towns aimed at reaching all ages in Salisbury Diocese exploring how households and schools can 'normalise talking about God' • Coventry Diocese have made funding available to employ two Growing Faith Family Workers within a single deanery who will provide capacity for different ventures within the deanery. • Two cohorts of Accompanied Ministry Development in Truro Diocese will be focussing on Growing Faith and developing projects that prioritise children and young people.

**Diocesan GF Champions** In addition to the above work, each diocese has named a Growing Faith Champion who is tasked with asking, "what is the impact of these discussions and decisions on children, young people and households?" at every level of the diocese.

**Growing Faith and Renewal & Reform** Growing Faith is being encouraged in dioceses alongside other national church programmes, including Setting God's People Free, Motivating the Million, Estates Evangelism and being a Church for all people. There is a commitment to working together at the national level to ensure we don't overcomplicate the different workstreams but find effective ways for Growing Faith to be seen as a part of each one. There is a particular resonance with the Everyday Faith Campaign with both projects seeking to develop discipleship in the whole of life for all God's people.

## GROWING FAITH TRAILBLAZERS The experimental phase

**Growing Faith** is a vision for what a partnership between church, school and households might mean for children and young people exploring faith.

“Growing Faith seeks to bring the three spheres of church, households and schools together—in *how we think* and in *what we do*—for ministry with children and young people to enable them to live out a *lifelong faith* in the *whole of life*.”

The vision is a call to *aim for the centre*—the central intersection of the three spheres—so that our communities of faith might *include* and *value* children and young people as *fellow pilgrims*— equal members.

The research evidence<sup>1</sup> available offers a set of predictions expected to emerge and be evident in any community that has raised its expectations of children and young people. Trailblazer Dioceses are undertaking an experimental process that tests those prediction (outcomes) by designing bespoke Growing Faith Ventures. The process will also test how the culture of the diocesan leadership can be to improve faith formation in children and young people.

**The process can be summarised as:** **The Question:** How do church communities increase and improve the exploration of faith with their children and young people? **The Hypothesis:** Bringing the three communities where children and young people live, into some kind of partnership will grow faith (GS2121). **The Predictions:** The predictions from the available research are grouped into DOINGS (practical examples or activities) and BEINGS (ways of thinking or attitudes about children and young people). These are the possible outcomes we’d expect from the central intersection of church, household and school, which are only possible if each of the three spheres facilitates each outcome. **The Learning:** The Growing Faith Adventure will use an accompanied learning action set process to assess these outcomes and discern replicable principles.

**Affecting real change:** How can this GF Attitude be hardwired into the wider Diocese, especially the diocesan leadership? How will Trailblazer Dioceses find out what children and young people feel they need for their faith to grow—‘faith formation pathways’? How can we ensure that all missing voices are included in the adventure?

**Faith Formation Pathways** There is a resonance with Sandy Eisenberg Sasso’s model of faith formation. She suggests faith formation starts with an experience of an encounter of God, but we figure out our theology (thinking about God) when we have the opportunity and space to tell the story of that experience. This model lines up rather neatly with the ‘DOINGS’ predictions.

There is also a feedback loop in which the DOINGS make the BEINGS easier. As the equality and value of children and young people is experienced, the attitudinal shift is more likely to emerge. This in turn eases the obstacles to the DOINGS— i.e. it is easier to pray with children and young people if you believe them to be equal and have value.

GROWING FAITH PREDICTIONS (outcomes)	
<b>DOINGS</b> <i>activities that ‘happen’ in the central intersection</i>	<b>BEINGS</b> <i>Attitudes – children and young people are...</i>
<b>Praying</b>	<b>Valued</b>
<b>Conversations about Faith</b>	<b>Included</b> <i>They feel a sense of belonging</i>
<b>Relationships</b> <i>Connections within community, safe space, interacting across generations</i>	seen as <b>Equals</b> <i>The inherent culture of the community perceives them as Fellow Pilgrims</i>

<sup>1</sup>Research including: Rooted in the Church, Barna Group, ComRes, BSA, Faith in the Nexus (NICER), Youthscape: Losing Heart, Faith Generation (N Shepherd 2016), Church Army, Messy Church, Growing Young, YFC - Gen Z: rethinking culture, Sticky Faith - Fuller Youth Institute, The Children’s Society - Good Childhood, The Children’s Society - Lonliness (with ONS), Francis et al 2018, Church Growth Research Unit, Smith & Denton 2005 - MTD, Day, 2009 p275 - fuzzy faith, Collins Mayo 2010 - happy mid-narrative, Ruth Perrin, Vibrant Faith, John Roberto, David Csinos, Sandy Eisenberg Sasso



## *Rev. Carolyn Baker*



In the turmoil of the last few weeks I have been reminded of the words from the Book of Common Prayer, "in the midst of life we are in death." Life and death have taken on new immediacy, as we have heard, on a daily basis, the death toll from Covid 19, now in the hundreds a day. And each of those deaths is a person, known and loved by family, friends, colleagues, neighbours.

It was only 12 weeks ago that many of us gathered in the Parish Church in Dronfield to commend our sister in Christ, Carolyn, to the mercy and protection of God. Three months in which the world that she knew and loved has changed in ways unimaginable.

I was asked to reflect on Carolyn's contribution to the Deanery so here are some thoughts to which I invite you to add your own, as many of us knew her in different situations and circumstances.

My reflection is that Carolyn offered the Deanery what she could with love and enthusiasm! One of my memories is of us being at a Chapter meeting when the list came around to sign up for hosting future meetings. Carolyn was one of the first to offer hospitality at St Mary's, Unstone, and she delighted in welcoming us to the Church, leading us in prayer, replenishing our cups of tea! The Deanery also benefitted from her many skills and knowledge gained through a long career in the Post Office, as she faithfully contributed to the work and mission of Church from the Bus. Most valuable of all, to me and others in Chapter and across the Deanery, was the way Carolyn prayed, at all times and in all situations, in small groups, one to one, in public, in private.

Carolyn's life, interrupted by death, reminds me of how I too can contribute to the Deanery, through hospitality, through offering my skills and knowledge, and through prayer – especially through prayer, and especially now.

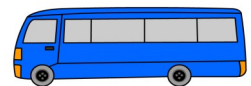
Rev. Julie Lomas

### ***A message from "Church from the Bus"***

As you all know, we lost a very dear friend and Trustee, Rev. Carolyn Baker early this year. She did vast amounts of administration and financial work for us as a Trustee and she has left a big gap in our resources. We wondered, at our last Trustees' meeting, whether there might be any members of your various congregations who might like to consider becoming a Trustee with us and bringing their skills and experience to help us in our work? This might be to with a view to becoming our Treasurer, or serving in other capacities.

We have recently moved into permanent premises, Grace Chapel in Chesterfield and Cornerstone Bookshop in Matlock, so we now provide a warm environment for our guests as well as the hot drinks, food, clothes and toiletries which we offered traditionally. Our operation is now called "Church from the Bus" but we haven't changed the name of the actual charity.

**Could this be for you? Contact Kathy Crawshaw-Moore if you are interested.**



## *A farewell message from Bishop Jan.....*

Bishop Jan writes:-

“So long, farewell, auf wiedersehen, adieu,” so sing the children in The Sound of Music.



Surely one of the toughest aspects of being a priest or bishop is that from time to time you have to up-root, leave behind the people and places you have grown to love so much, and move to pastures new. As you say your farewells, you're reminded of the privilege of having been a part of so many people's lives, often sharing the sorrows as well as the joys, and knowing the stories behind the smiles.

For me, the most important symbol of my ministry is my pastoral staff. Not a beautifully decorated, bejewelled work of art in precious metal, but a real wooden shepherd's crook. It's a reminder that Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd and calls his priests and bishops to tend his flock. When I arrived in Derbyshire as a shiny new bishop in 2016, I carried a shiny new shepherd's staff. Recently I said to my husband that I ought to give it a good polish as its beginning to look very scratched and battered. Andrew wisely said no and reminded me that every scratch and imperfection is a reminder of a pastoral encounter.

Baptisms, confirmations, licensings; sermons preached from lofty pulpits and lowly steps; the Lord's Supper celebrated in cathedral and front room; joys and sorrows, confidences shared; stories received of the very many ways in which God is working in people's lives; I have loved it all.

Thank you for the cards and heartfelt messages received following the announcement of our departure. We will miss you all very much indeed.

So many expressions of farewell invoke God's blessing; from goodbye (Godbwye - God be with you) to adieu (short for 'I commend you to God'). May God bless you all in all that lies ahead.

And pray for us, as we will surely pray for you.

+Jan

*We thank Bishop Jan for everything she has brought to our deanery and wish her every blessing in the future.*

# **Notes for Deanery Synods of Derby Diocesan Board of Education (DDBE) Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

## **Policies and DDBE Business**

HR Adviser, Jaimie Barrett talked the Board through the DDBE policy for 'Sickness Absence Procedure' for all staff within the DDBE and the Service Level Agreement between the Diocesan Safeguarding Team and DDBE.

## **Partnership between DDBE and Derby Diocesan Academy Trust (DDAT)**

Bishop Libby has requested the agreed working together arrangements of DDEB and DDAT are to be put in to writing to clarify the lines of responsibility between the two bodies. Presently there is a general verbal agreement that the two bodies work together.

## **DDBE Sub-Committees**

These are:

Schools' Improvement Sub-Committee

Finance Sub-Committee

Vision Sub-Committee

Non DDAT schools are to be offered School Improvement support. A new DDBE Improvement Adviser has been appointed for this purpose.

## **Finance Sub-Committee**

Recommendation to return 'extra' funding from Derby Board of Finance, unanimously agreed by the DDBE.

## **Are Sunday Schools Working Anymore?**

The Diocesan Children's Adviser, Sarah Brown, presented a paper which showed there is a downward trend of attendance by children at Sunday worship. Following this she talked through various ways in which this problem could be addressed.

## **Chair Updates**

The Diocese wants to ensure that the future clergy interview process involves local schools' involvement where possible thus emphasising the importance of church-school links.

Archdeacon Carol is a 'Growing Faith Champion,' a National Church initiative, looking at ways to grow faith by linking work with church, school and households. Research shows young people want to be included and involved in worship.

## **Statutory Inspections of Anglican and a Methodist Schools (SIAMS)**

Out of the recent 10 inspections of DDBE Church of England Schools, 8 received a 'good' or 'excellent' grade.

***Canon Christine Holmes-Elener (Member of the DDBE) on behalf of the Board.***

## ***A tribute to David Sanderson***

We are sad to record that David Sanderson died on 29 March.

David was born in 1933 and grew up in Manchester. In 1954 he joined the Church Army and after three years training he was commissioned as an evangelist and Church Army Captain in 1957. He worked on caravan missions, evangelistic treks and seaside missions.



In 1963 he married Nanette who he had first met at the Church Army training college. They moved to the Wakefield Diocese where David worked as an evangelist and trainer

From 1972-1985 he was on the staff of Christ Church, Lowestoft and was the Bishop's Chaplain to holidaymakers. Then from 1985-1990 he became trainer in evangelism for Norwich Diocese. Finally he was seconded by the Church Army to work with the Decade for Evangelism until 1997.

While working he also obtained a BA and MA in theology, a Lambeth Diploma and has studied inter-faith relations in Leicester. He has also lectured in Church Army training colleges in Kenya, Tanzania and Canada.

David's "retirement" consisted of continuing to work. He set up the Thom's Blokes men's group at St Thomas, set up a Chesterfield branch of TWAM (Tools with a Mission), made good friends at the Newbold Road mosque and preached at services at St Thomas'. As well as this, he helped to lead two mission visits, to Estonia and Peru.

A St Thomas' member has written "To list his achievements in mission and works within the church is impressive but in my opinion misses out on the depth of his faith and his ability to be light in the world and show the love of Christ to all he met".

We will miss him.

By Robin Dawson



### **Discipleship Training**

**New FREE Mini Module: Sustaining Spiritual Health in Isolation.** This free to access module has been designed to help you maintain your prayer life, worship and discipleship during this time of isolation and the closure of the buildings that have been so much a part of our Christian lives for centuries. A

fourth session on mission will be added as soon as we are able. The sessions are designed to be accessed on a one per week basis, but you can of course access them in whatever time frame you wish. Hop over to this link to get started now: [www.discipleship-training.org](http://www.discipleship-training.org)

The second full module of the Discipleship Training is due to start on the 25<sup>th</sup> April. The subject is 'Opening Up the Bible'. Each full module is 10 sessions long and all of these can now be accessed online.

For more information go to the new website [www.discipleship-training.org](http://www.discipleship-training.org) or contact [fiona.bennett@derby.anglican.org](mailto:fiona.bennett@derby.anglican.org) to request an information pack. The next module starts on 25th April and the cut-off date for applications is 17th April.

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