

Inbetween

Diocese
of Derby



North East Deanery

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Karen writes....

We're nearing the end of Autumn, November is well under way and we remember.

It will soon be Winter, and maybe feels like it is already.

It will, later this month, be Advent.

Advent is the time when we look ahead ... further ahead than Christmas in some ways, although that comes into it, but ahead to the time when God's Kingdom will come in all its fullness, in the returning presence of Jesus, a time when all will be put to right and justice, mercy, love and forgiveness will flow – a time for the healing of individuals and nations. A time when we will know Christ the King in all his majesty.

As a Diocese we are looking ahead too, to a nearer vision, and the journey to that vision isn't going to be easy or smooth, but is necessary. As we listen, think, talk and pray we must keep at the very centre of all that goes on: 'Your Kingdom come ...'

There is so much about the longing expressed through the Patriarchs, through the prophets, through John the Baptist and through Mary that we can enter into in as we move ahead together as a Diocese, as we step into Advent, a longing that seems particularly relevant, meaningful and poignant for this year of Covid – this difficult, painful, anxious, deadly year.

The longing of Advent, and I trust the longing of the Diocese, is for the Saviour and 2020 has demonstrated again our need of the Saviour.

As you read Inbetween I pray that your longing may be met by the signs of hope that the Saviour's presence brings through people, places, communities and that you may sense the joy that is ours, that He is here, at work amongst us as we continue to pray 'Your Kingdom come' in the midst of all that is going on around us in our Parishes, Deanery and Diocese, in our nation too.

Amen, come Lord Jesus.

With love,

Karen



The Bishop of Derby's Harvest Appeal 2020 will support mental wellbeing in Derbyshire



There are two strands to this year's appeal:

- to raise £15,000 to help Derbyshire Mind deliver a range of community wellbeing courses and activities as part of its [Enjoying Derbyshire](#) project
- to provide a variety of courses, workshops and activities to help anyone and everyone in the diocese maintain their wellbeing.

People who live in the Diocese of Derby - indeed the entire world - have been through a challenging time this year, challenges that will continue for many months to come.

But as well as the medical - the physical - havoc wreaked by the pandemic, Covid-19 has also affected the mental wellbeing of so many people.

The strain of lockdown - having to stay at home, isolate, keep apart from our family and friends, staying away from work, the concern over job security and finances and the worry of catching an unpredictable disease - has taken its toll.

So, this year, the Bishop of Derby's Harvest Appeal aims to support some of the fantastic work being done to help people with their mental wellbeing.

As well as raising funds for Derbyshire Mind, the Diocese of Derby is partnering with other agencies to deliver activities that will offer a Christian-based approach to mindfulness and wellbeing.

<https://derby.anglican.org/en/news/bishop-s-harvest-appeal.html?>

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A message from Bishop Libby

Dear Friends

The Bishop of Derby's Harvest Appeal

People living in the Diocese of Derby - indeed the entire world – have been through a challenging time this year, challenges that will continue for many months. The strain of Covid-19 and lockdown have taken its toll. But, Jesus promises us peace and his desire for us is 'life in all its fullness'. Jesus cared about wellbeing: he cared about people's mental. Physical, emotional and spiritual health. Scripture says, 'Do not be afraid: peace be with you.'

Therefore, this year our Harvest Appeal seeks to grow the good fruit of 'Peace of mind'. Inviting both participation and generosity. So far, we have raised £3,445 for Derbyshire Mind supporting their fantastic work in our communities helping people with their mental wellbeing. Contributions can be made here:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bishopofderbyharvestappeal?utm_term=a6KRNKnZv

In addition, we have partnered with other agencies to deliver online activities: 80 attended psychological first aid, 40 poetry for health, 23 prayer walking, 28 Growing in God, seasons in the Christian life. Feedback from the prayer walking session: 'Such a delight to be able to join in with something like this, wholly accessible, even with my poor health, and it filled me with hope and touched many chords.'

Opportunities for our children have been significantly restricted and limited in recent months and family life has been under huge pressure with home working and schooling alongside lack of contact with extended family and friends.

So, during the forthcoming half-term, we shall launch Family Fit. This series of five 20- minute fun themed family workouts led by Kay Skinner, a Church of England sports minister are entitled Magnificent Mondays, Talented Tuesdays, Wild Wednesdays, Thankful Thursdays, Fabulous Fridays. These will launch each day on the diocesan website via YouTube and be available for free here:

<https://derby.anglican.org/en/news/latest-news/family-exercise.html>

Future workshops during November include forming community safe spaces where it's OK not to be OK, managing anxiety, theology of wellbeing, mental health manifesto, Sports Chaplaincy's impact on community mental health, and mental, physical and spiritual health in a disabling society. For more information and bookings:

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

My prayer is that you will know the peace of God in your life over the coming days and months.

With every blessing.

The Rt Revd Libby Lane

Bishop of Derby

Summary of DBE Meeting 6th October 2020

Following conversations regarding the Minutes of the previous meeting the discussion centred around the Board of Education's Academisation policy and membership of the Derby Diocesan MAT. This raised questions around relationships, support, and the nature of the future relationships with current schools and those schools which might wish to join other MATs. Schools Effectiveness Committee are to look at the way in which current VA and VC schools might look to membership of the DDAT or other providers.

We were, sadly, informed that Alison Brown will be leaving the Board as Acting Director of Education and the Board to take up a new post.

The national revision of SIAMS and the new posts which are required centrally will mean a cost of additional £5000 from reserves. This was approved.

The Board discussed the update of the Website and the CofE's Young Leaders Workshop comprised of 3-4 names of Primary pupils to advise the Education Office on provision.

The *Faith At Home, Never the Same* and *Good Childhood, Flourishing Churches Flourishing Schools* Report papers were presented and commended.

The Board of Education membership of Trustees Skills audit was being refreshed and completed.

Another Board member highlighted a resource which was appropriate for the Board to know: a Christian Sports Minister is making 5 different exercise based family and Christian based resources. These will be available over half term. This sewing into the wellbeing of the whole people of God is one such direct engagement with issues of mental health and physical wellbeing. This is timely in light of further pressures most especially in regard to SEND pupils during the time of the pandemic.

Please see links below:

The Good Childhood Report:

https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/sites/default/files/2020-09/PRE022a_Good%20Childhood%202020_V6_LR.pdf

Life on Hold:

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/sites/default/files/life-on-hold-childrens-well-being-and-covid-19.pdf>

Called Connected Committed:

<https://www.cefel.org.uk/ccf/>

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Faith at home

During the summer of 2020, and what was known as Lockdown #1, we were thinking about how to engage with children and families through the church Facebook page, without reinventing the proverbial wheel. I came across the national church “Faith at Home” pages

<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/faith-home>

The national team write: “Faith at Home is a call to discover God’s presence together in the place we spend most of our time. Home offers the space to make mistakes and ask honest questions. Home gives us a place to become who we are created to be.

Home gives us the chance to be fully known and fully loved by those who share our space because of God’s gift of love through us. It is a call to choose a lifelong exploration of a growing faith, nurtured in the normal everyday elements of life together.”

They went on to publish a range of content to support families discuss faith, develop their practices and habits together following these themes.

Hope
Courage
Love
Humility

Patience
Resilience
Kindness
Generosity

Vulnerability
Compassion
Flourishing

I checked out the content (just to be sure it was ok!) and discovered a great resource that was ready made for us to copy and paste into St Mark’s Church facebook page.

I engaged with our amazing lay facebook administrator, Hazel, who took the word for the week and created a craft activity around it, as a way of introducing the word and signposting to the video. She suggested decorating stones with the words and collecting them for future

reference – here’s my attempt and actually, they now sit on my desk as words of encouragement!

I’d love to be able to tell you how many people engaged and viewed and have come to know Jesus, but I can’t. All I can do is say I am really pleased we tapped into the national church resources and shared them in our local community – leaving the rest to God!

<https://www.facebook.com/StMarksChurchBrampton>



Rev Julie Lomas



NEW! Diocese of Derby learning goes online

This autumn, explore the huge variety of free learning opportunities that are now available as online events. The main focus will be on mental health and wellbeing, as Bishop Libby encourages us as a Diocese to think intentionally about our own, other people, and wider society's mental health and wellbeing.

In addition to this, there will be webinars on Talking about Your Faith, online Churchwarden training and Leading Intercessions, with other events being added all the time, so please keep checking the Diocesan Learning in Faith page. <https://derby.anglican.org/en/training/learning-in-faith.html>

All the events can be booked via Eventbrite or the Diocesan training page 'Learning in Faith'

You can find resources for creative prayer ideas, information to support children's wellbeing and links to Christian meditation videos on this page.

There is also a free mini module on 'Sustaining Spiritual Health in Isolation' available here:

<https://www.discipleship-training.org/>

The Largest Untapped Mission Field -Turning Rhetoric into Reality -10th November at 10.30am

Interconnected -Mental, Physical and Spiritual Health in a Disabling Society -11th November at 2pm

The Theology of Wellbeing - 14th November at 10am

Forwards from Lockdown -how to plan parish children's work during this time -17th November at 10.30

Mental Health Manifesto for Churches – 30th November at 2pm

Mental Health and Wellbeing – online events

During the Autumn the Bishop has asked that the Diocese focuses on Mental Health and Wellbeing. There are online events happening between now and the end of November, as well as ideas and resources to support positive emotional wellbeing. These are all available on the Learning in Faith main page:

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

The online events are hugely varied and are all advertised on Eventbrite. They include (to name but a few):

Time Out Space - A space in which to be realistic about how we are feeling and pay attention to our own needs as we explore the 'new normal'.

Poetry for Health -Thinking about poetry as a resource - a podcast chat with the opportunity for live comments

Renew Wellbeing - Setting up quiet shared spaces where it's ok not to be ok in your community
Managing Anxiety and Trauma Using Christian Principles



Growing faith and developing ministry

Sign up now for January 2021

Three options available

- 1. Sign up for the First year of the Diocesan Certificate in Mission and Ministry** course to help with growth in faith and the development of ministry. This is now all online and can be completed from the comfort of your own home. The course is modular and each module consists of seven sessions which you complete on your own and three which you complete with other students on Study Days via Zoom.
- 2. Think you may have a calling to be a Reader?**
The first year of the new Reader Training course starts in January and is now a discernment year which you can take while working with a Vocations Adviser and the supervision of your incumbent. This gives you the opportunity to explore whether Reader ministry is for you. You will need the support of your incumbent (or the equivalent in a Vacancy) in order to sign up for this course.
- 3. Just keen to deepen your faith and increase your knowledge?** Take single modules as and when they are running. The modules running next term (16 January to 20 March 2021) are:

Introductory Level Module: Called to be the People of God

Advanced Level Module: Mission and Evangelism

Modules each cost a flat fee of £25, payable prior to commencement of each one (you only pay for the modules you study).

Closing date for applications for next term's modules, the Certificate in Mission and Ministry and the Reader Training Course is **Friday 8th January 2021**

Find out more and request an Information Pack visit the Discipleship Training website www.discipleship-training.org

or contact the course administrator, Fiona.bennett@derby.anglican.org.

Inbetween

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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Introducing.....

Rev. Sarah Colver Vicar of Old Brampton and Great Barlow and Priest-in-Charge of Loundsley Greem (LEP)



It is good to have this opportunity to say hello as I get ready to join you in this deanery and in the Diocese of Derby. I hope to move house during the coming week and my licensing and institution as Vicar of Old Brampton, Barlow and Priest in Charge of Loundsley green LEP is due to take place on Mon 23 Nov – via Zoom, of course!

I'm actually only moving about 13 miles (south) but cross all sorts of boundaries in the process i.e. county, diocesan, province, to begin the next phase of my journey through life - another new beginning. I was ordained deacon in 2013 following two years' study at Westcott House, Cambridge which I loved. Immediately prior to this I'd been working as a primary school teaching assistant alongside being a lay worship leader and director of music at Holy Trinity Millhouses; prior to that I had trained as a nurse and also worked in retail, so I've got plenty of 'life experience' which often comes in useful in ministry! I served my curacy in the multi parish benefice of Aston cum Aughton, Swallownest and Ulley, south of Rotherham, until April 2016 when I became Associate Vicar at St Mark's Broomhill in Sheffield, a thriving and vibrant liberal church. I'd been attracted by the community ethos of inclusivity, creativity and a strong engagement with social justice issues and have really enjoyed being part of a larger clergy team in this unique faith community. A key thread for me is that in all of these churches- Millhouses, All Saints' Aston and St Mark's, music is recognised as a key aspect of worship and of mission and I have enjoyed working with others to enhance the repertoire for worship and enable fuller participation in music making.

When I started job hunting earlier this year I was intrigued by this group of three parishes with distinct characters, differing traditions and great potential, so was thrilled to be offered the post. Beginning my ministry under COVID restrictions will bring its own difficulties but will perhaps allow some space for reflection and conversation - after Christmas, if not before. I look forward to meeting you soon.

Rev. Keith Cocking Rector of Elmtun with Creswell and Whitwell with Steetley



In September 2020, I was appointed as the new Rector of Elmtun with Creswell and Whitwell with Steetley.

My current position is Team Vicar in the Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale in this Diocese.

As I prepare to take up the appointment early in the New Year, I am excited about my imminent move to this part of North East Derbyshire with its coal mining heritage and surrounding beautiful countryside. There are many opportunities and challenges ahead, some unprecedented (as I write, the country has just been placed under lockdown for the second time because of Covid-19). But I am looking forward to walking this next part of my journey with people in the church and also in the wider communities here, trusting always that God walks with us.

I was born in Chesterfield and educated at Chesterfield Grammar School. In later years, I studied for the certificate of theology on the East Midlands Ministry Training Course, prior to completing my theology degree at Ripon College Cuddesdon. Before I was ordained, I worked in sales and management in the retail industry. I gave up secular work to be ordained Deacon in 2009 and Priest in 2010. I served my curacy in Newbold, and then became Team Vicar in Buxton until the present.

I have numerous relatives and friends who live and work in the local area. When not working, I enjoy walking in the Peak District, reading and food (eating out in a good restaurant and sharing a meal at home with friends). I am also interested in history and sport – football, cricket and tennis are my particular favourites.

I look forward to working in the North East Derbyshire Deanery and being able to encounter some of the familiar (and new) faces once again.

Rev. Sally-Anne Beecham

I'm Rev Sally-Anne Beecham, I'm a second year Curate who joined the NE Derbyshire Deanery in September. I've lived in Chesterfield for 18 years and worshipped at St. Thomas' Brampton up until ordination. My Deacon's year was spent in the benefice of Bakewell, learning about all things rural and on 1 September I transferred to St. John's Walton where I will remain for the duration of my curacy.

My other connection is with the people of SS Augustines parish. I initially served one day a week with Gussie's Kitchen, the social eating cafe that became a food distribution hub in March, and I will be increasing my hours there to develop ministry in that parish.

The pandemic has meant a strange introduction to the Deanery but also included lots of unexpected opportunities, which are exciting in themselves. The church members I'm getting to know have a plethora of gifts and skills to bring to the table and so I'm looking forward to collaborating with them on future projects.

This is a photo of my training priest, Nick Green, and I in a socially distanced shot after my priesting last month.





Rev. Malcolm Pyatt

My name is Malcolm Pyatt.

I am now retired, I worked over forty four years on the railway, for most of the time I was a train driver.

I was married for 39 years, until last year when I lost my wife.

We have one daughter, and two lively grandchildren.

I started going to Saint Michael's church in Brimington, in the year 2000.

I went on holiday to Iona in 2003, this is where I was first called by God.

Many years passed by, I joined the Journey In Faith course and then I went on to train as a reader.

After completing all my studies in 2015, I was accepted as a reader in my own church.

In 2017 God was calling me again, so I went on discernment.

I was accepted to train for Ordination through Derby Diocese, and All Saint's, Chester university.

I was licenced at Derby Cathedral, as a Deacon.

My hobbies are walking, music, gardening and mainly my family.

Congratulations to those in our deanery who have received Bishop's Badge Awards!

Richard Peet - *always being willing to go above and beyond, being key to our Covid-19 response by co-ordinating pastoral care and keeping moral up*

Enid Glassey - *outstanding volunteering work helping with the Cresswell Breakfast club feeding vulnerable families in our parish during Covid-19*

Pam Marriott - *outstanding volunteering work helping with the Cresswell Breakfast club feeding vulnerable families in our parish during Covid-19*

Lewis Marriott - *outstanding volunteering work helping with the Cresswell Breakfast club feeding vulnerable families in our parish during Covid-19*

Maria Neal - *being a ward volunteer visiting patients and staff at Clay Cross hospital*

Crystal Cooke - *helping live stream services, continuing working with beavers and children in church online, offering telephone visiting and pastoral care and sourcing grants to ensure the continuation of the church food distribution centre*

St Bartholomew's Church, Whittington and The Revolution Project

Last year two weeks before the school summer holidays, the local Primary school in Old Whittington asked if we (St Bartholomew's church) could establish a food bank for the summer holidays as they were concerned for some vulnerable families in the village. Through this request I established a closer relationship with one of the School Teaching Assistant's, Sam. Sam and I have worked together throughout the year to support these families.

This proved not to be possible within the space of the 2 weeks, but we did manage to establish a Monday to Friday, daily breakfast club in St Bartholomew's. Linking in with the role of Whittington in 'The Glorious Revolution' of 1688, we called it 'The Revolution Breakfast project'.

A core group of families attended most days with occasional visits from other members of the community. Breakfast and snacks were provided by Fareshare and Feeding Derbyshire.

By week four the parents (mostly young, single mum's) were suggesting that once the children went back to school, they'd like to keep coming. As a result, we established a session on Thursday mornings. The parents dropped their children off and continued up to church. We shared breakfasts and chat. We changed our name to 'The Revolution Project'.

In October half term the breakfast club was once more in operation each weekday.

Between October half term and the Christmas break, I introduced Table talk to the breakfast and chat sessions. From the beginning it was a time everyone loved. Everyone was very open and honest about some difficult personal things. They made craft items and ran a stall at the Christmas fair to help fund the project.

Over the Christmas holidays we had the breakfast club, only missing three of the weekdays. Each family attending went home on Christmas eve with the food for Christmas dinner, provided by members of the congregation.

The Revolution Project continued after Christmas. Initially we used the Christmas Table Talk, and after a discussion about who would win in a fight, the shepherds or wisemen, I pointed out that they came from different stories in the bible.

There were two requests from that session. Would I explain things from the bible to them? And they were going out to buy copies of the bible. We bought them copies of the bible, and started to include some faith questions and discussions into sessions. During this period one of the mum's started to attend our Wednesday morning said eucharist.

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February half term once again saw the breakfast club in church.

After half term The Revolution Project continued to meet on Thursdays. They began planning an Easter eggstravaganza, including an Easter egg hunt around the village for Holy Saturday. Encouraged by the mum who had been coming to the Wednesday said service two more mum's came. They really liked the service and were all set to keep coming. Sadly we went into lockdown almost immediately afterwards.

We have kept in contact with each other via facebook and the already established Revolution Project page.

Some of these families are living on a knife edge, financially, emotionally, spiritually and mentally. Sam and I worked on a programme during the early part of lockdown to enable us to take initially food parcels, and later included toiletries, washing and cleaning products, nappies and fresh fruit and vegetables. Every two weeks deliveries went out to over 20 families. This was all came together via donations from the local community, a donation from the Village gala committee, food stuffs from one local shop, donations from Tesco's and Morrisons, and finally Sam applied for a £1000 small grant.

Sad things have happened to some of the families and our little group of children will not be the same.

The three of us from St Bartholomew's who have had most to do with this group, along with a friend from Buxton, have been very concerned about this year's forthcoming 6 weeks holiday. We want to have some contact with the families to provide whatever help and support we can, despite co-vid 19. After much thought and discussion, I had a light bulb moment whilst walking in the Churchyard with my dogs. If school were able to do most work outside, we might be able to do something similar, thus, was born the 'The Revolution Project goes Wild'.

On a similar vein to Forest School, and Wild Church, everything will be happening outside.well except for access to the toilets!

A programme of activities has been devised ranging from making bug houses to identifying trees; from making welly boot planters to weaving with sticks and raffia; from painted pebble noughts and crosses sets to pinecone bird feeders, and more.

Post original article:-

Over the summer we offered these activities and the regular families came along bringing other families to join in - it was quite frightening how many we might have had if they had all come at once!

Rev Jo Morris

Nightshelter update

We have all been concerned about the future of the Nightshelters this winter and provision for the homeless in our area. Please see these extracts below, taken from a letter from Phil Morton, Head of Crisis Support at Derby City Mission.

"These are unprecedented times and life has had to change. Just when we think some normality is returning we have to adjust again.

I wanted to communicate to all the venues of the Nightshelter, that following lots of prayer and conversations, Derby City Mission have made the difficult decision to not lead on a Nightshelter in Chesterfield this coming winter, this is also the case in Derby for us.

I wanted to give you an update on a nightshelter for this coming winter. Derby City Mission have been part of conversations with Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Governments (MHCLG) Public Health and Housing Justice. There have been recommendations come out of these conversations. These recommendations have then helped us to make some difficult decisions.

Back in March of this year, Derby City Mission, along with many other charities around the country made the difficult decision to close our shelters early. Sadly those same reasons we closed are still with us and for that reason we will not be able to open a nightshelter this coming winter in Chesterfield, but nationally this decision is being made in towns and cities across the country. The reasons we are unable to open as we had intended are the following:

- Concerns over people sleeping in the same communal space for a long period of time, and in being in the same communal space could encourage the spread of Covid 19.*
- The recommendation around guests to toilet ratio for cleanliness purposes is 1 toilet for every 4 guests, which in many churches isn't possible.*
- With having possibly different people in every night this increases the risk of infection and struggling to control infection effectively.*

Derby City Mission have looked at lots of different ways of tackling these issues so that we could still deliver a shelter this winter, but we feel this isn't going to be possible, whilst keeping guests, volunteers and staff safe. We are in conversations with the local authority about what else could be done and if we have any other ways Derby City Mission, and subsequently our volunteers could be involved and help we will be in touch. Please continue to pray for the homeless of Chesterfield and the situation, and that no one has to be on the streets this winter.

Can I thank you again for willingly allowing your venues to be used in this way, we hope and pray next winter will be a different story and if you are happy we would like to contact you again about the possibility of using your venue".

Ideas for Christmas ?

Some ideas from around our churches.....

Scratch nativity will be going online. Children will be invited to dress in their costumes to watch. The story will be recorded/or live streamed online at 4.00 pm on Christmas eve, putting nativity figures in the crib scene during appropriate carols.

Film someone reading the Christmas Story and offer it to schools....

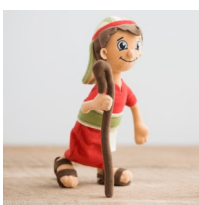
A twist on the "elf on the shelf" Barney and Bart the good elves on facebook. Each day of advent instead of doing naughty things they do a good deed and encourage the children to do the same.....

Christmas Tree Festival in the churchyard this year?

"The Shepherd on the Search"

Discover the joy of finding Christ in Christmas. Daily ADVENTures to engage children as they count down to Christmas and search for baby Jesus.

shepherdonthesearch.com



Pre-record a carol service, with different people doing readings from their own home. Then stream it at some point.

In all this darkness we need to 'light up, light up' as Jesus the light of the world comes to us at Christmas. We are looking at lighting up the Churchyard with luminous paper lanterns, made by the children in our schools. They will be hung or laid in various places - on trees, on paths up to the Church. Lights on the trees - they do not need to be electric - battery lights or LED lights would suffice.

A banner for the entry to the church plus a Christmas Tree outside and inside where the children's work could be shown.

Lanterns could be made from luminous card and laminated.

We could make a stable scene inside the front door.

The children could come one bubble at a time (special times for each group throughout a day or two days). The village could then pop up to see the Church Yard.

Please note that when planning Christmas activities, that a separate Risk Assessment will be needed if whatever you plan is outside your normal activities; this will need to be sent to the Archdeacon.

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Did you know the diocese has many resources for Experience Christmas? contact
Sarah.brown@derby.anglican.org
for more information....

Christmas Tree Trail
around the village?

Angels and Rocks

We have 200 knitted Angels and we are hoping to get hundreds of Jesus Rocks painted and hidden (or not very!!!!) in the villages. I've got a poster designed to put up encouraging people to take Jesus home and make him part of their Christmas



With thanks to Rev. Jo Morris, Rev. Jonathan Poston and Rev. Daniel Cooke for ideas

From Sarah Brown, Children's Adviser



CAN WE STILL DO CHRISTMAS?

YES!!! It's going to look different this year, but there are lots of ideas and resources to try. Here are a few of them...

JOIN IN AT HOME NATIVITY - for many churches a Nativity or Crib service perhaps on Christmas Eve is a special event for children and their carers. For December 2020 the probability is that most churches won't be able to invite households to attend a service in person. This JOIN IN AT HOME NATIVITY is designed for an online event with children and those they are with being able to take part at home.

Click here to find the [JOIN IN AT HOME NATIVITY](#)

LOTS OF IDEAS ON THIS RESOURCE TOO.

<https://padlet.com/jlawrence65/x78h8kfq95rk6lu4>

AND DON'T MISS THE HAPPY LAND NATIVITY!

<https://youtu.be/mvrgBMvz1IM>

Message from the Communications Team

How will you be marking Christmas 2020?

This year advent and Christmas will be unlike any other year, but it will still happen. We would like to make sure that the spirit of Christmas reaches all corners of the county to celebrate with those people who can and support those that will find this year extra hard.

This year we are looking for contributions from all over the diocese for a special project that will go live on 1 December. We are looking for real stories of how you are planning to celebrate, how you will reach out to friends, family and others within your community, the ways your church will encourage worship, how your community is coming together - figurative if we can't physically - to share around the diocese. We would also like to hear about any projects that are coming up, night shelters, food banks, collection of gifts for the community, serving meals, work with school etc.

We would like you to send us short (30seconds – 1 minute) videos or photographs and a short written article (approx 100 words) explaining how Advent and Christmas will be different for you this year and how you will be marking it. Submissions should be with us by Friday 4 December but the earlier the better! If you have an exciting project coming up but are unable to film a video yourself do get in touch and we will try and support you.

Please send your submissions to communications@derby.anglican.org including your full name, area where you live and the church you worship in (if appropriate). We will share as many as we can within the project, our social media channels and publications. We look forward to hearing from you.

Dates for your diary.....

Deanery Synod 2020

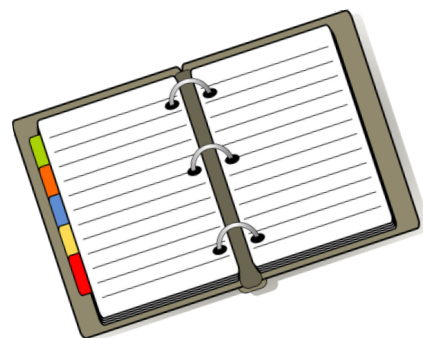
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Deanery Synod Dates 2021

Tuesday 9th February

Wednesday 23rd June

Tuesday 19th October



BIBLE QUIZ - HOW OBSERVANT ARE YOU?

There are names of sixteen (16) books of the Bible hidden in the paragraph below; see how many you can find. A preacher found 15 books in twenty minutes; it took him 3 weeks just to find the 16th one, HAVE FUN!

'I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. A certain luke, kept people looking so hard for facts, and for others, it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of our readers. To others it was a job. We want it to be a most fascinating little moment for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help find them. I will quickly admit it usually takes the preacher to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how you will compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen books of the Bible in this paragraph.'

With thanks to Rev Bernard Sproston