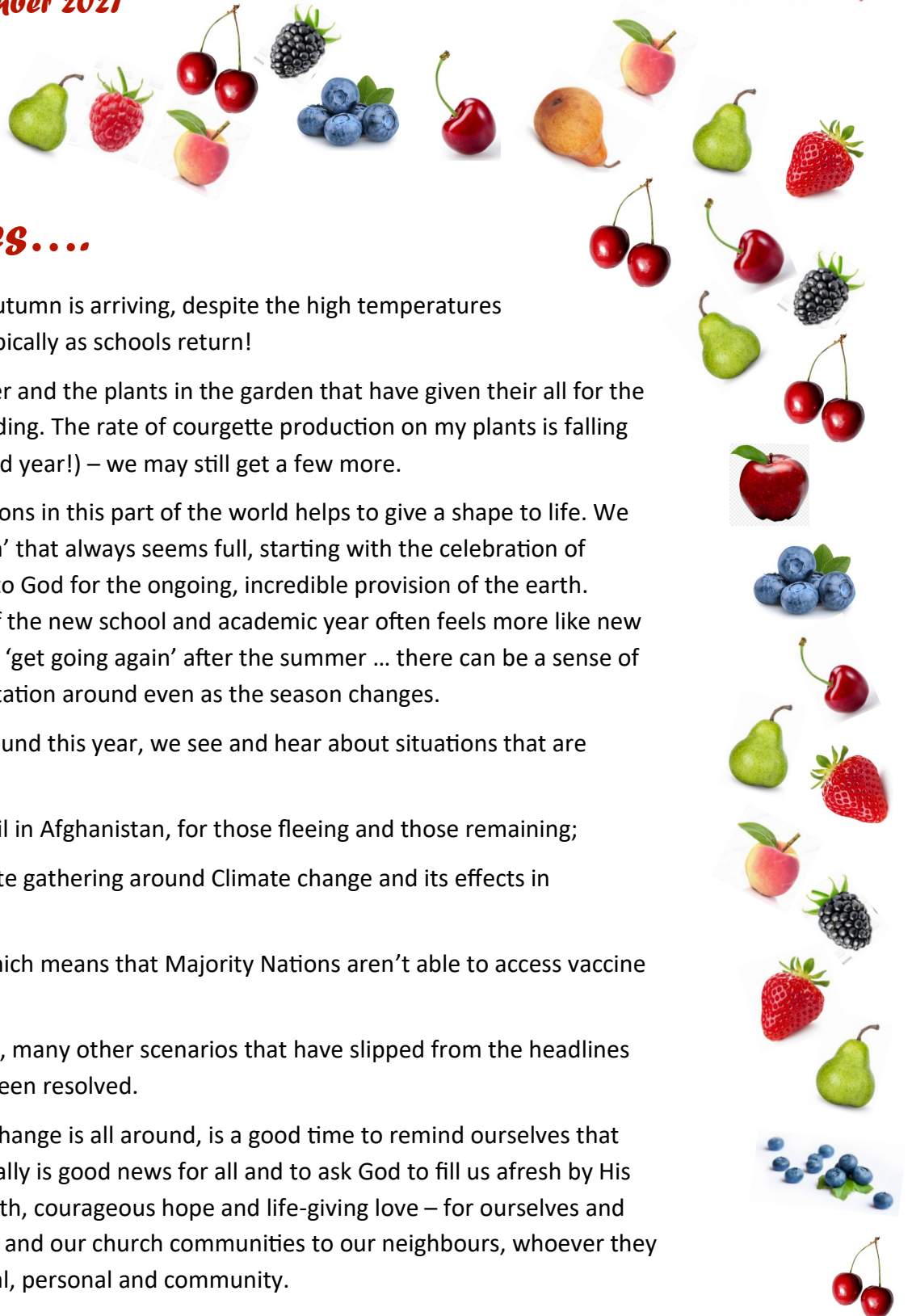


Inbetween

Issue 15, September 2021



Karen writes....

There is a sense that Autumn is arriving, despite the high temperatures forecast this week – typically as schools return!

The mornings are colder and the plants in the garden that have given their all for the last month or so are fading. The rate of courgette production on my plants is falling (but it hasn't been a bad year!) – we may still get a few more.

The rhythm of the seasons in this part of the world helps to give a shape to life. We look ahead to a 'season' that always seems full, starting with the celebration of Harvest, giving thanks to God for the ongoing, incredible provision of the earth. September, the start of the new school and academic year often feels more like new year than January – we 'get going again' after the summer ... there can be a sense of anticipation and expectation around even as the season changes.

And yet, as we look around this year, we see and hear about situations that are heart-breaking:

Uncertainty and turmoil in Afghanistan, for those fleeing and those remaining;

A crucial and last-minute gathering around Climate change and its effects in November in Glasgow;

Vaccine nationalism which means that Majority Nations aren't able to access vaccine supplies easily ...

And there will be many, many other scenarios that have slipped from the headlines but haven't ended or been resolved.

So maybe now, when change is all around, is a good time to remind ourselves that the Kingdom of God really is good news for all and to ask God to fill us afresh by His Spirit with generous faith, courageous hope and life-giving love – for ourselves and through each one of us and our church communities to our neighbours, whoever they may be, local and global, personal and community.

With every blessing,

Karen

Welcome to our new curates....

Rev. Mike Fitzsimmons, curate at Barlborough and Elowne

I grew up in Birmingham in the 1970s and was brought up in a non-mainstream church, where I learned Bible stories very well and where there was a strong sense of family. As an adult I felt that my faith was unsatisfying and eventually I felt God calling me away from that church and into the Church of England. An important feature of my journey was towards embracing the doctrine of God as the Trinity: I had previously thought that this was not the right way of speaking about God, but, despite my resistance and objections, I came to love the understanding of God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Trinity helped me see the God of grace and generosity in contrast to the view of God I had before. Then I found that joy, peace and transformation became possible.



I feel that coming to accept and receive the measureless love of God for us is a life's journey, at least for many of us. Part of ordination, for me, is working together with the people of God to make God's love known in the world.

Before ordination I worked for many years in voluntary sector network organisations, advising charities on funding, governance and training, as well as more geeky areas, like database and website development. Immediately before training for ordination I was Warden of a retreat house in Staffordshire for three years where I led retreats and learned a lot about hospitality.

In my spare time I love finding nice places to walk with my dog and enjoy badminton and trying my hand at arty or crafty things.

The ordination weekend was a wonderful culmination of the sense of God's calling and preparing - the retreat for three days beforehand gave us space to step out of the frantic business of moving house and so many changes and be still with God. For me it was a time partly of feeling unprepared and asking, "Are you sure, God?" And also of being confirmed in God's calling, and that God sometimes calls people who don't feel like the kind of person that God calls into ordained ministry.

Two Bible passages that I felt God gave me as I was seeking to understand the call to ordination were from Psalm 27 and Isaiah 61. Psalm 27 talks about the desire "to dwell in the house of the Lord, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple". Isaiah 61 speaks of the prophet's calling to "bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives" - to be caught up in God's work to put right what is wrong. And the two passages together tell me the importance of both the quiet contemplation, spending time with God and the response in action that's enabled by prayer.

Rev. Gill Ball



Gill is Part-time Self-Supporting Assistant curate who joined Newbold Parish Church in June 2021. She was ordained Deacon in Derby having trained at St Hild College. Gill is married to Tim and has two grown up daughters, Emily and Zoe. Before ordination Gill was a teacher with responsibility for children with additional needs. She took redundancy from her last post at Tupton Hall School.

Gill enjoys gardening and cooking, particularly using homegrown produce, in her downtime she keeps an allotment, although since retirement Tim has shared much more of the work. Gill is a bellringer and has had close connections with Girlguiding all of her life.

And Congratulations to Rev. Malcolm Pyatt on his Priesting

Moving on.....

Rev. David Mouncer, based at St. Thomas', Brampton has announced his retirement. David's final Sunday was 5th September and he will be moving away from the diocese.

Rev Jonathan Poston, Priest-in-Charge of Wingerworth, has been appointed Rector of St. John and St. Mary Devizes, Diocese of Salisbury. Jonathan hopes to take up his new role in the Autumn

Rev. Ben Griffiths, Rector of Newbold, has been appointed Ordained Vocations Officer in the Diocese of Derby. Ben will start his new post on 1st October.

Rev. David Owens, Assistant Curate (known as Associate Minister and Director of Mission and Evangelism) in the benefice of St. Thomas', Brampton, has been appointed Planting Curate at Preston Minster, Diocese of Blackburn. David is taking up his new post in early September.

Rev. Julie Lomas, Assistant Curate of Brampton St Mark, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of the Five Alive East Devon Mission Community, Diocese of Exeter. Julie will be licensed on 11th October.

We send very good wishes to all our friends and colleagues moving on.

Please pray for these congregations and communities during times of change ...

All Saints, Wingerworth

St. John the Evangelist, Newbold

St. Peter's Calow, St. Mary's Sutton

St. Thomas', Brampton



Clowne Parish Church celebrates organist's 60 years of service

St John the Baptist Parish Church in Clowne held a special celebration on Sunday 27th June for their Patronal Festival. Mr Arthur Stamper, the church's organist of 60 years (whose father was organist before him) retired. Given that there's been a Stamper playing their organ for almost 100 years, the church marked this by dedicating the organ as 'The Stamper Organ' and presenting Arthur with a long service medal from the Royal School of Church Music.

Arthur said "I've been going to church since I was a baby – I was taken in a carry cot to Evensong – so the music of the church is in my blood. I've been there my whole life, now I'm part of the furniture really!"

Rector, Rev'd Bryony Taylor said "Arthur has been a core part of the worshipping life of our church for more than 60 years. He has played at many peoples' weddings, christenings and funerals and has seen much change over the years. Although he is retiring from playing regularly, he will always be our organist and we are tremendously grateful for a lifetime of faithful service."



In memory of Mrs Christine Anne Beach (Reader) who died on Tuesday 6th July at Ashgate Hospice

I am sure that many of you reading this article will be saddened by the news that Chris is no longer with us. Chris was an ardent Christian who served our Lord with humility, quiet dedication and a desire to serve in any way that she could.

When actually reflecting on what Chris offered I am attempting to list her contribution to Derby Diocese as a whole.

Many people before me knew of Chris during her life and ministry in Killamarsh and Renishaw. Chris trained as a Worship Leader and then trained and served as a Reader during my time as incumbent. This opened up her service to Bolsover and Staveley Deanery as she took services in different churches when requested. Within the North East Derbyshire Deanery Chris has served as chaplain to the Whitwell branch of The Royal British Legion.

Chris has been a member of the Diocesan Synod. Chris also served as a member of the Diocesan Advisory Committee (known as the D.A.C.) relating to church buildings.

Chris has served as a Deanery Synod representative for St Giles Church as well as being the Safeguarding lead for our United Benefice.

Within her role as Reader Chris has co-led services at both St Matthew's in Renishaw and St Giles in Killamarsh. Chris has additionally helped run Messy Church, the St Giles Holiday Breakfast Club, flower festivals, been part of St Giles bell-ringing team as well as being very supportive regarding any fundraising activities. Chris really enjoyed Bible Study and has led on occasion.

Everyone will remember Chris for her amazing singing voice!

Chris has been a Foundation Governor at St Giles Church of England Primary School. Chris also co-led Monday morning Collective Worship before Covid. With her love for the Lord and her passion for children's work Chris began the lunchtime Christian Book club which met on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In preparation for Chris's funeral service at St Giles Church the children and staff offered beautiful written tributes to Chris on individual hearts which were displayed as garlands along the external church railings. Reading the tributes Chris has most certainly made a loving impact upon the lives of so many.

In order for Chris to offer her life in Christ's service she took her spirituality very seriously indeed and often went on day courses or retreats. In her latter years she spent time at Sleights near Whitby staying with the sisters of the Order of the Paraclete for several weeks during the year working as an alonsider, helping other people to develop their own spirituality. Chris became a tertiary and lived by A Rule of Life.

As well as attending courses run by Derby Diocese Chris also had the opportunity to co-lead certain modules.

Chris will be very sadly missed by all who knew her. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Revd Helen Guest

Rector of St Giles, Killamarsh and St Matthew's, Renishaw

Questions from the East Deanery Synod.....



Many thanks to Rev Dawn Glen and Jo Henderson-Merrygold for their presentations at our Deanery Synod Meeting on 13th July.

The questions raised by Jo are given below - we would very much like to hear your responses to these questions and encourage you to contact your deanery synod rep, any member of the Deanery Leadership Team or Kathy Crawshaw-Moore with any responses or thoughts you have had since the meeting. We are keen to keep the lines of communication open.

What training or help would you like to enable you to live out the good news/be the church everyday, where you are?



How do we encounter God? Where do you most feel alive and enriched? What do you enjoy sharing with others? What matters to you in the world around us now? How is vocation expressed?

How can we encourage people to stand for Diocesan Synod?

How do we celebrate the importance of Laity in church, celebrating and affirming the gifts we all bring together?



A quote from a breakout room was 'as well as structural changes, we need cultural changes across all boards' - what do we think?

How do we as a Leadership Team and Deanery Synod help parishes to identify their training needs?

How do we encourage each other to share our own stories?





Discipleship Training

Our exciting, easy-to-access new training is available for all who want to deepen their faith, grow in discipleship and develop the gifts God has given them in the service of the church.

The training is open to all who want to learn more about their faith and also to those who want to develop in ministry.

You don't need any formal qualifications to take any of the modules, just some good thinking and reflecting skills.

You can work towards a Certificate of Mission & Ministry by completing the whole course with assignments or you can simply do the modules for your own faith journey.

You can do one module or many, and you can start, stop for a while and then pick up again later.

The training is modular, which simply means that you will spend 10 sessions looking at a particular subject (for example, the Bible or Pastoral Care or Mission and Evangelism etc).

These 10 sessions make up one module.

You will do 7 of these sessions on your own in the comfort of your own home at a time to suit you and the other 3 sessions will be done with everyone on the module coming together at a church in the Diocese (you will be told where before you start the module).

Find out more and request an Information Pack from our new training website :-

www.discipleship-training.org or contact the course Administrator, Fiona.bennett@derby.anglican.org.

Funding available

If you wish to go on one of these courses and funding is a problem for you, as a deanery we could help support you.

Email: kathy.crawshaw-moore@derby.anglican.org

Mob: 07852 324885

Everyday Faith - Everyday Stories

Our Christian life is so much more than how we gather together on Sunday. In a new series on the Derby Diocese YouTube channel, you can see some of the stories of those who say their faith helps them in their everyday lives....

[Diocese of Derby - YouTube](#)



Below, we have our first story for “Inbetween” - from Jo Crawshaw-Moore:-



Can you tell us a little about yourself?

I have lived in Chesterfield with my wife Kathy for 7 years. We attend Chesterfield Parish Church (Crooked Spire). I love hiking in the countryside, so I feel very lucky to be living near the Peak District, where we get out walking whenever we can.

I have always been interested in environmental concerns and in the past I have worked in water supply and sanitation projects in developing countries and run my own business providing energy performance certificates for houses in Sheffield.

Nowadays I work for Derbyshire County Council in the Flood Risk Management team.

What does a typical day in your life look like?

My job is based at County Hall in Matlock, but since Covid struck I have been working from home. So a typical day consists of sitting in our little home office working and talking with my colleagues via a computer. We scrutinise planning applications to ensure new

developments won't increase flood risk in the future, we talk to landowners about maintaining watercourses on their land, and we assist people who have been affected by flooding, trying to find out the cause and what can be done to reduce their flood risk in the future.

A nice thing about working from home is being able to have a coffee break and a chat with Kathy during the day.

How does your faith impact your daily life?

My faith has been part of who I am since I was a teenager, so in a way it's a hard question to answer. It influences my approach to life, my motivations, attitudes, how I deal with people. I know God sees everybody as being equally valuable and treats everybody the same, so that influences how I deal with members of the public and the wide range of colleagues from the County Council or from other agencies that I am in contact with from day to day. I know that God loves me and forgives me no matter what mistakes I make, so that helps me to have the courage to own up if I get something wrong rather than trying to hide it, and not to hold grudges against other people when they get something wrong. I know that God is always with me and is interested in the whole of my life, so that encourages me to talk to him regularly about big and little things that are going on. I know that he wants the best for me and that ultimately I will be with him, so that helps me to bring my problems and worries to him, and sometimes I even manage to leave them with him for a while!

How does your church help in this?

I get a lot out of our church services: from the sermons, the words of the service, the Bible readings, from taking communion and meeting all the other people there who come for similar reasons. It re-centres me and gives me fresh inspiration, reminding me that God loves me and is with me all the time. So I carry that renewed sense of him away with me and into the rest of my week.

Jo Crawshaw-Moore

Living in Love And Faith

I wonder if you're a fan of Call the Midwife? What I love about that programme is how it shows how dramatically our society has changed in the last seventy years. In one of the early episodes, a man who is homosexual is arrested by police and then sent to his GP to be prescribed drugs to try and suppress his sexuality. Watching this drama play out I was horrified to realise that this is how gay people used to be treated. Now of course, same sex people can legally get married in a civil setting and the controversial Section 28 barring even the mention of gay relationships in our schools has been repealed. Times have changed, but as with many of these things, the church is in a position of needing to respond.

Since I have arrived in Barlborough and Clowne I have had an enquiry from a lesbian couple (whose daughter had been baptised at our church) asking if they could get married in my church – of course, at present, that is not something that we can do. I've also been asked if it is ok for a godparent to be gay. Being able to respond with love and care to such requests is really essential – particularly from the point of view of mission.

The Church of England recognises that we are all coming from varying experiences and perspectives as we explore issues of sexuality and the church. We have been following a discussion process called Living in Love and Faith (LLF) for the last few years and now we are beginning to encourage discussion and exploration in our parishes so that together we can discern what to do in the future.

The hope is for people in Church of England churches across the country to use the LLF resources to study and pray together. The resources are designed to encourage and enable engagement and learning in a variety of settings. This church-wide learning together, listening to one another, and listening to God is part of discerning a way forward for the Church of England in relation to matters of identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage.

The Church of England is keenly aware that issues of gender and sexuality are intrinsic to people's experience; their sense of identity; their lives and the loving relationships that shape and sustain them. We also know that the life and mission of our Church – and of the worldwide Anglican Communion – are affected by the deep, and sometimes painful, disagreements among us which have been debated and discussed on many occasions over the years.

These divisions have come into sharper focus because of society's changing perspectives and practices, especially in relation to lesbian, gay, transgender, bisexual and intersex people. The Church wants to understand what it means to follow Christ in love and faith given the questions about human identity and the variety of patterns of relationship emerging in our society, including marriage, civil partnership, cohabitation, celibacy and friendship.

In the Autumn there will be opportunities across Derby Diocese to follow the Living in Love and Faith course either via Zoom or in person. Look out for the dates and do join in the sessions and help us to listen and learn from each other. If you would like to engage with the LLF resources directly yourself (there are a number of excellent videos and podcasts available) then please visit the website:

<https://llf.churchofengland.org/>.

Rev. Bryony Taylor

World Homeless Week

This year, World Homeless Week will take place **3rd October – 11th October 2021**, including World Homeless Day which will take place on Saturday 10th October



World Homeless Week is a time to reflect on the plight of those affected by homelessness and poverty; an estimated 1 in 200 people in the UK were homeless in 2019, with the pandemic since leaving many more people living below the breadline. Although many homeless individuals are invisible to us - sleeping on friends sofas or in temporary hostels – we can help shed light on their struggle by telling their stories, praying for them, and of course supporting them to rebuild their lives.

Rebuilding broken lives is what Church Homeless Trust has – since its very first incarnation in 1882 – been doing. It is a small charity that supports thousands of homeless individuals throughout England, providing grants tailored to the specific needs of the person in question, and helping countless people to get back on their feet

With the closure of churches in 2020, Church Homeless Trust has struggled to connect with many people who would otherwise have been eager to help. For more information please follow the link below:-

[Church Homeless Trust | Rebuilding broken lives](#)

St. Mark's Parish Church, Brampton

The PCC (Parochial Church Council) of Brampton, St Mark's is looking to appoint an efficient, conscientious and flexible administrator with good communication skills. The successful candidate will provide general administration support to the functioning of the Parish in particular to the Church

Warden(s), PCC and Priest-in-Charge.

In addition, they will provide a visible and welcoming face and voice for St Mark's Church, supporting relationships with parishioners and users of the building.

Wage: £10 per hour (annual salary £2600)

Hours of work: 5 hours per week (flexibility required)

Annual leave: 28 hours annually



Application is via CV and covering letter explaining how you meet the expectations of the role, together with the names and contact details of 2 referees.

The closing date for applications is 5pm on 30th September 2021.

Interviews are expected to take place in the week commencing October 18th and shortlisted applicants will be provided with further details. Please contact Rev'd Canon Karen Hamblin (Priest-in-Charge) by email:

khnedeanery@gmail.com for further details, including a role description.

The Parish of St Mark's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all individuals. All staff and volunteers are expected to share this commitment. An enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check is required for this post

Diocesan Synod Report

Derby Diocesan Board of Finance A.G.M. General Meeting & Diocesan Synod Report. For Saturday 3rd July 2021 via video conferencing facility at 9.00 a.m. until 1.00. pm.

68 members in Attendance. (3 meetings)

Derby Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd. A.G.M.

Opening Worship led by Andrew Colley and Mark Warner on the Feast Day of St. Thomas. No notices. Apologies received. The Minutes of the 2020 A.G.M. approved.

The Appointment was made by the Bishop of Canon Mark Titterton as Executive Chair of the D.B.F. For 2021-2022. The Election of the Vice Chair, (Business Committee) Julian Holywell and a further member of the Business Committee, Peter Kelsey.

Annual Report and Financial Statements of the D.B.F. 2020. It was reported that the year had been challenging owing to the pandemic, but emergency planning was in place. The synopsis of the accounts is as follows:

Income for 2020 £ 8,170,282 as against the Budget of £ 8.929,762

Overall Expenditure £ 8,484,475 against budget £ 9,396,762.

The final full deficit of £314,193 was less than anticipated.

Common Fund realised £ 4,161,907 as against the budget of £4,909,790 a difference of £ 747,883.

Savings were achieved on Ministerial Housing and Parish Support Costs.

The Balance Sheet shows £ 95 million of assets. £ 59 million is held for investment and £32 million held as fixed assets.

There is a likelihood of a possible operating deficit of £1 million in 2021.

The DDBF has adequate financial reserves to help for a while as outlined in the 5 year budget plans.

B.H.P. Auditors to be reappointed at a fee to be agreed by the Directors. Accepted.

The General Meeting of the D.B.F. Ltd.

Following apologies for absence, the Minutes were approved of the meeting held on the 10th October 2020. Common Fund is the largest source of income, some possibilities to review the formulae. Meetings in the Autumn to consider growth and challenges in the future. Common Fund is said to be, not a tax, rather a fund to provide monies for the Diocese Deaneries and Parishes, particularly Stipends.

Derby Diocesan Synod

Following apologies for absence, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th March were approved. No matters arising.

The Bishop's Presentation. - There was reference to the National Day of Thanksgiving on the 4th July 2021. This to include the NHS and all workers. Social Services, Transport and Retail and everyone who has helped during the pandemic. There was a thank you to the Synod over the past 18 months and the commitment of people. We need one another to grow the Kingdom of God and the Lord is calling all of us to claim afresh the good news through Church, our homes and through digital means. There would be an invitation by the Bishop to come to her home in the near future. Important to consider outreach to those in rural isolation, foreign visitors, young people, those with special needs, nursing homes, schools and chaplaincy. Overall there should be a willingness to engage and inspire through our strategies. To include both Lay and Ordained.

Diocesan Synod Report—continued

Diocesan Vision Update: A very good presentation of Fresh Expressions of Church, through a variety of worship, particularly Pioneer Ministry, Messy Church and Activity Church. A Mixed Ecology. The purpose to reach the wider world, urban, rural and the whole community. A project called 'Greenhouse' a national organisation, to teach and enable people to faith and grow. There are two 'Greenhouses' already in the diocese. Details from mark.broomhead@derby.anglican, one of the officers regarding pioneer ministry. "Pioneers are people called by God who are the first to see and creatively respond to the Holy Spirit's initiative with those outside the church; gathering others around them and they seek to establish new contextual Christian community" - Church of England Definition of a Pioneer. Pioneer Ministry does not replace established church but rather complements. Innovation and creativity and is key note.

Archdiaconal reorganization: Following consultation and briefings throughout the diocese. 66 responses were received from the deaneries and parishes. These responses were mainly positive for three Archdeacons. The options remaining are to remain the same with two Archdeacons or have three representing the diocese. The Bishop's Council to give opinions and the Bishop to decide on the final decision. Legally the Bishop will have the final decision on the future arrangements.

Approval of the Annual Reports and Financial Statements: The motion was to accept the Reports which was approved by the Synod.

Registry Updates: An appointment of a new Registrar in the Autumn, Ian Blaney. B.M.O update: Diocesan and Deanery Synod, representation. October 2021. Diocesan Synod Elections. A new synod will be in place from the 1st August 2021 for three years. Vacancies still exist and a further recruitment will take place. General Synod: The current Synod ends on the 13th July 2021. 3 Clergy and 3 Laity representatives required. Bishop's Council Elections: To follow. Representatives required from the Diocesan Synod for the next Bishop's Council following the September meeting. Instrument of Delegation for Clergy Discipline Measure: Agreed that in the absence of the Diocesan Bishop that the Bishop of Repton would represent the diocese, where there is a conflict of interest (Clergy Discipline Measure 2003). Approved by the meeting.

General Synod Report: Three clergy and 2 lay representatives have served on the Synod. Subjects included "Living in Love and Faith" initiative, Climate change, Safeguarding, Budgets, Housing and Clergy discipline.

Safeguarding: A paper was included written on the 3rd July. Identified priorities include the role and links for the team within safeguarding structures. Developing a safeguarding strategy. A learning and development strategy and a date set for evidence.

A.O.B. Diocesan Board of Education: A short report on activities. New policies and procedures.

Governance and strategic planning to enable Schools and 15,000 children in the diocese have fullness of life.

The Synod ended with the Grace.

John Gascoyne July 2021

Derby Diocesan Board of Education - Synopsis 22nd June 2021

* Please see following page for explanation of acronyms used

St Joseph's RC/CofE Primary School Academisation

A commitment to a joint working relationship with the Diocese of Hallam has been established with DBE at Member and Trustee/Director level. The governing body will continue with the balance of Anglican representation being the same as now.

After a consultation period it is expected St Joseph's will become an academy with one of the two RC majority MAT's by September 2022.

Bishop Libby noted how grateful the Board are for the way Linda Wainscott (Acting DDE) had progressed this matter with her expertise commitment and grace.

Foundation Governors

In order to be compliant and recognising its role and responsibilities, DDBE agreed to retrospectively approve formally all of the DBE appointed foundation governors in the Diocese who are currently serving in role up to and including 31st October 2021.

DBE Academisation Policy

Important Questions followed the circulation of a discussion paper around this issue.

We currently have 111 church schools and serious thought needs to be given on how many should join/become academies.

At the moment 27 of our schools are in academies. 24 in DDAT, 2 are in EMBARK where we have representation for DBE via the CEO of DDAT. 1 is in the John Taylor MAT with no structural church involvement from DBE but Lichfield Diocese provide scrutiny and operational and strategic oversight.

Important contributions from Members highlighted the Boards responsibility to make sure the DBE needs to be sound and secure strategically when taking forward all the significant ramifications of this agenda. How for instance do these matters sit within the Diocesan Vision and initiatives such as Faith at Home. In addition, we should not forget to include community schools both senior and primary when considering this. It was also noted that clergy need to play a full and active part in local schools.

Decision Making Protocol

A paper, adapted from Coventry Diocese, was considered. This would apply when an urgent decision was needed between board meetings. Following discussions, a unanimous decision was made to accept, with amendments, the paper presented. It is hoped to have this in place by September.

The Right Reverend Malcolm McNaughton

Bishop Libby welcomed Bishop Malcolm in his new role as the new Chair of the DBE and the commitment he had shown to the work of the DBE and schools across the Diocese.

Archdeacon Carol Coslett

In stepping down from her role as Chair of the DBE, Bishop Libby expressed her enormous thanks for the way Archdeacon Carol had steered the DBE ship in what had been on occasion challenging times. Her role as Chair had been undertaken with grace and good humour. This was evidenced by the appreciation shown by church schools in the Diocese. Colleagues also expressed their appreciation. The DBE was in a far better place now than at the start of her tenure.

Fr. Neil Roberts

Following the announcement of Fr Neil leaving the Diocese, good wishes and thanks were expressed for all his help, support, and contribution to the DBE during his time as a Trustee. Every good wish for him in his new role together with him and his family's future good fortune were unanimously given.

Acronyms explained:-

DBE - Diocesan Board of Education. **MAT** - Multi Academy Trust. **DDE** - Diocesan Director of Education.
DDBE - Derby Diocesan Board of Education. **DDAT** - Derby Diocesan Academy Trust
CEO - Chief Executive Officer **BMO**—Bishop's Mission Order

The Education pages on the diocesan website are really interesting and informative

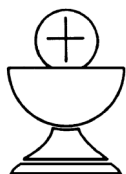
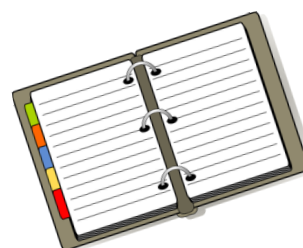
- why don't you have a look? [Derby Diocesan Board of Education \(anglican.org\)](http://Derby Diocesan Board of Education (anglican.org))



Dates for your Diary

Deanery Synod

Tuesday 19th October, 7.30 pm, St Michael and All Angels,
Church Street, Brimington S43 1JG



Confirmation Services

Thursday 21st October, 7.30 pm, Chesterfield Parish Church

Sunday 21st November, 6.00 pm, St. Thomas', Brampton

If you know anybody who might be interested, please check with your vicar who can then contact Rev Canon Karen Hamblin on khnedeanery@gmail.com

Deanery Prayer Meetings

All at 7.15 pm via zoom

Tuesday 21st September

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82327012932?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82327012932?pwd=b2FsWVhrL1ozVnlaME55bEM2M3QwZz09)
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Wednesday 13th October

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85269180487?pwd=TEl5c0FHQmJ5anJkSEF4VVdEeEU3QT09>

Tuesday 23rd November

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82704848597?pwd=Sm5zTnl3MmJNK3g1SGxwNDdWRjVWQT09>



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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Getting the most from your ACNY site

*Online webinar designed for
clergy, website managers and parishioners
across the Diocese of Derby*

Tues, 5 October - 2pm

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Afghanistan crisis: advice for parishes on helping refugees

The Church of England has published a 'toolkit' of resources for parishes seeking to help refugees and asylum seekers from Afghanistan in the wake of the Taliban takeover of the country.



The material, [available online](#), brings together links and information on how churches can welcome people arriving from Afghanistan through giving, longer-term practical support such as community sponsorship, prayer and advocacy. Staff in the Church of England's national Mission and Public Affairs team say they have been overwhelmed with messages from churches and individuals concerned by the situation in Afghanistan and asking what they can do to help.

The toolkit includes a range of prayer and theological resources from the Church of England and other sources alongside details of an array of charities and NGOs also working to support refugees and asylum seekers. It also includes a simple explanation of the two main resettlement schemes and the asylum system and offers suggestions on how Christians can speak out on behalf of those unable to do so.

In a foreword to the toolkit, the Bishop of Durham, Paul Butler, the Church of England's Lead Bishop for Refugees and Asylum, said: "The challenge for the whole nation is to welcome these families and help them build new lives here in the United Kingdom.

"Alongside this is the reality that there are thousands of Afghan citizens already here and stuck in the asylum system awaiting a response to their claim.

"God's call on God's people has always been to welcome the stranger and help provide for them.

"So here is a fresh opportunity to live out this calling.

"It has to be very practical; hence this toolkit.

"It is not a quick short-term response that is most needed but a willingness to befriend families and support them for the long haul.

"It is also a call to stand up for justice and advocate for the most vulnerable."

The Church of England is a longstanding supporter of refugee programmes including the Government's [Community Sponsorship scheme](#) set up in 2016 to offer support to Syrian refugees coming to Britain. Bishops in the House of Lords regularly raise issues relating to refugees and asylum seekers and last year played a key role in supporting series of amendments to the Immigration Bill calling for child refugees to be reunited with close relatives in the UK.

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If you've been thinking that you would like to do something to help those who have had to leave Afghanistan, take a look at the Diocesan website 'Don't miss' section on the home page 'Support for Afghan Refugees' [Support for Afghan Refugees \(anglican.org\)](http://anglican.org)



Thought for the Month of September 2021 by Rev'd Carollyn McDonald

I've noticed that many holiday makers are returning back to school and to work, leaving the more flexible and retired people to tourism. The mixing together of visitor drivers and harvest traffic isn't easy for either group, but the business keeps going, weather dependent.

Churches and communities will be celebrating Harvest in September and October. I recall one year in the 1970s living in Scotland near Tain when the harvest wasn't safely in till November and the Harvest Thanksgiving was then held. Of course, we aren't restricted to the harvest season to gather in and give thanks.

In the farming year there are opportunities to reflect and plan ahead - I wonder when the plans are made for the next year, or 3 - 5 years? One part of that planning is feeding the earth and laying the foundations for the future; spreading various doses of fertilisers for next year's crops might be smelly but the investment is needed. We can't predict the weather exactly but we take a chance and hope and trust our decisions.

Concepts of hope and trust are based on our experiences in our past and if we are Christian, on the pasts of God's people. We can read how God protected and provided for the souls and hearts of His people in the Bible. Just as the soil benefits from feeding it with nutrients, so our hearts and souls benefit from feeding them with Spiritual nutrients and these could be Christian reflections, hymns, and Scripture. A regular, small dose is better than 3 years' worth poured over all at once!

As we come into Autumn and plan our days and lives, I invite you to plan-in a little dose of God's encouragement and love for us all.

